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Bankers for

Ailing Dollar

Do Nothing Right Now,

But Wait for a Chance

To Hit the Short-Sellers

By Carl Gewirtz PARIS - Having twice failed to impose their will on the foreign exchange market, cen-tral banks adopted a new strategy Tuesday and refrained from overt intervention to support the dollar. Fear that they could appear at any time coupled with the fact that the dollar is already very cheap against the Deutsche mark were sufficient to restraio speculators from mying to aggressively push the currency lower.

The dollar tucked under 1.40 DM and

stayed there and without some new develop-ment the market is likely to remain cautious about surprise intervention," said John Lipsky. chief economist at Salomon Brothers to New The dollar touched a record low of 1,3940 DM following news of a survey showing that U.S. consumer confidence had fallen to 58 percent in August from a revised 61.2 percent in July. The currency then hovered around that level before rebounding slightly to close trading at 1.4023 DM in New York, not significantly changed from a Monday close of 1,4015 DM. Meanwhile, the strength of the mark continued to exert mounting tension within the EC's Impact on Markets On Page 9 Falling consumer confidence undermines Wall

European equity markets take another beating.

fixed exchange rate mechanism, Sterling inched ever closer to its permitted floor against the mark. The Italian lira weakened sharply and

was supported by the Bank of Italy. The peseta also fell, and Economy Minister Carlos Solchaga of Spain was quoted by the state news agency Efe as ruling out a possible devaluation of the peseta.

The ERM tensions have out yet reached the least of requiring large scale intentions the

level of requiring large-scale intervention, the first line of defense. If that failed, governments would face the prospect of either raising inter-

est rates despite slow growth and high unemployment or seeking a currency realignment

Securities markets also remained oervous

The Paris market was roiled by conflicting

and morose while prices on the major stock

opinion polls, one showing a majority of French voters now opposing the Maastricht

treaty on European economic and monetary union and another showing a declining major-

ity, of 51 percent, still in favor. Both the franc,

near its permitted floor against the mark, and

French share prices suffered. France will vote

The vexing issue is that the turmoil in finan-

cial markets have caused policymakers to lose time in probing avenues of economic growth.

Although the setbacks have been relatively

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Up to \$20 Billion in Storm Damage, New Orleans Residents Flee

NEW ORLEANS — About 2 million people, including the entire population of New Orleans, were warned to evacuate Tuesday as the hurricane that ripped through southern Florida bore down on the Gulf Coast.

Damage estimates from the storm in Florida were put as high as \$20 billion, which

would make it the most costly natural disaster in U.S. history. At least 15 people were killed in Florida and about 50,000 people were homeless, officials said.

As the first fringes of the storm hit the Gulf

Coast on Tuesday afternoon, New Orleans and surrounding communities, which are vulnerable because much of the land is below sea level and protected by levees, heard some good news when forecasters backed off earlier warnings that the hurricane might hit the

The forecasters said the storm appeared beaded for the more sparsely populated south-central coast of Louisiana, west of New Orleans. The center of the storm was expected to pass over the coast by Wednesday

afternoon, the National Weather Service

The most-seriously threatened areas were in Louisiana and Texas. Warnings were also out in Mississippi and Alabama.

The burricane, designated Andrew, had walloped the Bahamas on Sunday and south-em Florida on Monday before heading into the Gulf of Mexico and north.

Despite the reduced threat, authorities still urged the 500,000 New Orleans residents to evacuate as high winds reached the state's tip. Throughout the region,

schools and businesses were closed, people boarded up their homes and inland traffic

was bumper-to-bumper.
"We've got gale-force winds in Venice." said Luke Petrovich, president of Plaquesaid Luke retrovich, president of riaque-mines Parish west of New Orleans. Venice is 100 miles (160 kilometers) down the Missis-sippi River from New Orleans. "Those who can leave should still leave."

Mayor Sidney Barthelemy of New Orleans said. "We still expect to get a lot of water and

dered or urged to evacuate an area of Louisi-ana that included suburhs east of New Or-leans and continued west to the Texas border. authoriues said. In Texas, about 325,000 people were asked to evacuate. In Mississippi, more than 100,000 were urged to leave low-lying areas.

The hurricane flattened and flooded homes in Florida, leaving parts of Dade County below Miami a tangle of mangled lumber, metal and glass. Boats and planes were tossed

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The devastating power of the hurricane was dramatically evident in the wreckage of this trailer park in southwest Dade County. Its residents were among the estimated 50,000 people left homeless in southern Florida.

Minister Warns On Beirut Vote

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BEIRUT (Reuters) - For-cign Minister Faris Bouez of Lebanon threatened on Tues-day to resign if the Syrianbacked government insisted oo pressing ahead with Leba-ooo's controversial first general election in 20 years.

His threat, following a Christian boycott of the poll and the resignation of the par-liamentary speaker, Hussein Husseini, who alleged cheating compounds a crisis that threatens to unhinge the peace agreement that ended Leba-non's 1975-to-'90 civil war.

General News A BBC reporter and four UN peacekeepers were wounded in Sarajevo. Page 2.

Clinton, defending his draft record, won applause from the American Legion. Page 3. Beijing freed an economist in the final trial linked to the democracy movement. Page 6.

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Carrington Quits, Shocking Conferees on Bosnian War

By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service

LONDON - Lord Carrington, the European Community's special mediator between the warring factions of the former Yugoslavia, on Tuesday sur-prised delegations assembling here for an ioternational conference on the Yugoslav crisis by announcing that he would no longer play a full-time role in efforts to resolve the conflict.

Lord Carrington, a former British foreign secretary, made his announce-ment the day before the opening of the three-day cooference, which the EC and the United Nations are jointly sponsoring to replace the EC talks that Lord Carrington had led for the last year, to Scrbs to Bosnia who have wrested Diplomats said that Lord Carrington's control of 70 percent of the republic. replacement would be decided by the conference participants, but added that it was likely to be David Owen, another

former British foreign sceretary.

The conference, to be presided over by Prime Minister John Major of Britain and the UN secretary-general, Buttos Buttos Gbali, represents the latest effort by the international community to come up with an effective response to the bloody civil war now centered in

Serbia, the largest and strongest of the eight republics that made up the former Yugoslav federation, is regarded as the chief aggressor because of its aid

Scrbia, allied with Montenegro, seeks to carve from the old federation a new, predominantly Serbian state dominated

The situation has proved a major em-barrassment to the 12-nation EC, to the UN and to outside powers such as the United States. All have proved power-less to influence President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia toward a more moderate course, and despite the mounting reports of atrocities, outside governments and international organizations have been reluctant 10 get involved through a resort to military force. Lord Carrington, 73, who has shut-

tied between the different parts of Yu-goslavia to mediate several cease-fires only to see them broken, appeared to be
surprise the heads of participating dele-gations. After a meeting between acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleexpressing frustration at the situation in his announcement.
"I have decided," he said, "that after

a year's intensive association with the peace conference I can no longer devote to it the full-time effort which obviously will be occessary and that the London conference seemed the right time to review the degree of my involvement."

He said he had agreed to continue his association with the work of the conference. But be did oot specify what role he would have, and it seemed clear that his time as a major player had ended. His decision appeared to completely

hurger and the Russian foreign minister. Andrei V. Kozyrev, they told reporters that they had been with Lord Carrington at a luncheon and that he had given them no sign of his intention.

"You are catching us both in an awk-ward spot," Mr. Eagleburger said. "I don't know anything about Lord Carrington's reputed resignation. He said nothing about it at lunch."

Both Mr. Eagleburger, a former U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, and Mr. Kozyrev, whose country traditionally has

modest so far, analysis worry that a downward See TALK, Page 2

on the treaty on Sept. 20.

Street stocks.

within the ERM.

markets declined.

See DOLLAR, Page 10

A 4th Night of Neo-Nazi Riots

called on local authorities in Rostock oo Tuesday to take decisive action to stop organized neo-Nazi violence against foreign refugees action to stop organized neo-Nazi violence against foreign refugees refugees refugees action to stop organized neo-Nazi violence against foreign refugees re that has rocked the Baltic port city. [Ultrarightist radicals battled

with police outside a refugee center in the city again Tuesday night. The Associated Press reported from Rostock. Hurling pieces of pavement as well as firebombs, at least 200 youths scrambled as po-lice moved down the street with

water cannon and tear gas. [Meanwhile, Chancellor Helmut Kohl chastized Rostock residents who have cheered the extremists. "I find it especially objectionable that many people have stood there watching this disgrace and even ap-plauded," Mr. Kohl said in an to-

By Ferdinand Protzman

New York Times Service

BONN — German officials

city of 243,000 is being done mainly by organized groups of young
neo-Nazis from Western and Eastnationwide television openly urg-

many.
The worst violence so far came on Monday night. A crowd estimated at 1,000 youths firebombed a 10-story refugee hostel in Ros-tock's Lichtenhagen neighborhood. a barren area of uniform, high-rise apartment houses that was built by East Germany's Communist government in 1974.

Berndt Seite, the minister-president of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the state where Rostock is situated, said many of the rioters were from Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and other West German cities.

The neo-Nazis, who generally revere Hitler and deny the existence The violence in the East German of Nazi death camps, have been

A police spokesman said some local residents had sheltered fugitive rioters in their apartments.

Local labor union officials organized a counterdemonstratioo in froot of Rostock's city hall calling for calm. But only a few hundred people attended. Television and newspaper reports said the major ity of Rostock residents supported the violence as necessary to keep refugees from coming to the city. "I think it's great," a teenage girl said of the violence to an interview on German television. "Totally

An elderly woman said force was See GERMANY, Page 2

Israel Has Golan in Land/Peace Equation

for bargaining."

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - For the first time in the Middle East peace oegotiations, Israel has told Syria that United Nations land-for-peace resolations apply to the Golan Heights, captured from the Syrians in the 1967 war and later annexed by Israel as its own.

But Israeli officials emphasized Tuesday that just because they were willing to discuss some territorial concessions did not mean that they were prepared to hand back the strategic heights, which they consider vital for their security, or to end Israel's presence there.

A government newspaper in Damascus asserted that Syria would accept nothing less than a full Israeli withdrawal, because "peace cannot be cooverted from a sacred cause into a matter

Hence there seemed but the slimmest of chances for a quick agreement at the peace talks that resumed in Washington on Monday.

Nevertheless, the latest round of negotiations has begun with hopeful expressions from all parties that the advent of a more moderate Israeli government creates possibilities for

progress.

Contributing to that atmosphere was an Is-

raeli statement that land-for-peace declarations
— specifically Security Council Resolution 242 -apply to the Golan as well as other territories acquired by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

It marked a departure from the position taken by the previous, Likud-led government, which rejected territorial compromise on any front - the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan, which Israel annexed in 1981. Its presence there now includes military forces and a civilian population of 11,500 Israelis and

Resolution 242, worded ambiguously and See ISRAEL, Page 2

'Suits' No Longer Wear Them

By Cathy Horyn

Hunkered over their fish sticks, the four suits at the percent drop. counter look as if they have been run through the mimeograph machine at IBM, the imprint of corporate correctness as pronounced as the crease to their.

It took 300 years of fops, dandies and peacocks to produce the man in the gray flannel suit. But at the moment he seems to be going the way of the dodo bird. Not since the hat went flat have American men been so willing to part with a garment as entrenched as the

suit. To see the morning rush of Washington men in shirtsleeves is to imagine the smell of mothballs rising from their closets, suits a-moldering. Somehow, with stunning dispatch, a society seems to have evolved in which a Nicole Miller necktie topical, flashy, fun - now represents, to many men, the height of white-collar haberdashery.

The numbers tell the story. Since 1989, unit sales of WASHINGTON — Io 1956, a photographer for Harper's Bazaar took a picture of four men seated at a lunch counter to New York, documenting what to the era of ducktail haircuts and Teddy boys must have seemed like the dullest thing on earth: the white-collar stiff. suits in the United States have declined 34 percent.

Whether because of the recession, post-'80s burnout or the growing number of Casual Days at the office, the coat-and-tie trade appears to be in steady retreat. As a result, Hartmarx, the largest U.S. maker of tailored clothing, with such labels as Hart Schaffner & Marx and Hickey-Freeman, has taken a big hit, clos-

ing one-third of its 264 specialty stores since 1989. Brooks Brothers, purveyor of the blue-chip sack suit, oow promotes something called "suiting sepa-rates" — suit jackets and trousers sold separately. That a man can walk into Brooks Brothers, of all places, and buy half a suit suggests that at some point

Even Sears, Roebuck & Co., retailer to the masses, is down on suits, having read the signals as early as five See SUITS, Page 3

In France, A Possible 'No' to EC

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

PARIS - Three polls issued Tuesday suggested that French voters were almost equally divided over whether to endorse the Treaty on European Union in a crucial refer-

endum Sept. 20.

The polls confirmed continuing erosion of support for the landmark accord, which commits the European Community to build common foreign and security policies and to create a single currency by

The treaty, which was See POLLS, Page 3



RELIEF IS AT HAND - Somali children being led to a food kitchen near the town of Baidoa. Western nations have recently stended up the airlifting of food to offset Somalia's famine, and UN officials say the number of refugees fleeing to Kenya has fallen.

By Trevor Rowe

Washington Past Service
UNITED NATIONS, New York — The United States, Britain and France have decided to temporarily abandon plans for an operation similar to that of the Gulf War allies to deliver humanitarian aid to Bosnia, diplomats here said, and will instead keep the relief effort under United Nations authority.

The decision reflects the reluctance of the Western powers to commit substantial numbers of ground troops to the embattled region. ft appears in further reduce prospects for large-scale military intervention there despite a Security Council resolution authorizing the use of "all measures necessary" to deliver food and medicine to Bos-

It was unclear whether Washington would still participate or if any U.S. air power would be needed. A Pentagon offiibility that U.S. warplanes could still be used to protect relief convoys.

He said it depended on the reaction from the warring parties.

[The General Assembly on Tuesday adopted a resolution urging the Security Council to take tougher action to aid Bos-nia-Herzegovina, either by use of force or tightening sanctions. Reuters reported from the United Nations.

[The nonbinding resolution passed by a vote of 136 in 1, with only Yugoslavia voting against, and 5 abstentions: Russia, Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi and Namibia.

[Originally the Islamic states, led by Turkey, wanted a more comprehensive reference to military action, but the final draft urged the council to take "further appropriate measures" as provided for under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

[Chapter VII allows for use of force after economic embargoes have failed. Several Western Security Council members, who hesitated about committing themselves pocial said the shift did not eliminate the litically to a resolution on wider military action, said the document was now vague enough for them to support it.]

rized countries to use "all measures necessary" to deliver aid to the besieged capital, Sarajevo, and other parts of Bosnia.

At the time, however, Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali warned that such an operation could threaten the safety of the UN's 14,000 peace-keeping troops in the

There has been a general fear among UN officials that should the allied humanitarian operation have to rely on force, UN troops could come under retaliatory attack. These officials contended that the allied

operation, which some described as "peace enforcement," was different from peacekeeping - which relies on the goodwill of all parties - and that the two concepts could not be implemented simultaneously. In a letter to the president of the council.

Mr. Butros Ghali warned that troop contributors had voiced a "growing concern" about their soldiers.

In response, Washington appears to

advocated by France and Britain, who together have pledged to provide up in 2,900 troops. Rather than launch a separate opcration, additional troops will be committed to the peacekeeping force.

But unlike that operation, the cost will be borne by the troop contributors them-selves and oot by the UN and its members. The United States normally pays about a third of all peacekeeping costs. Diplomats said the decision to put additional troops under UN authority was given in Mr. Butros Ghali during a meeting with the allies late last week

A Western diplomat insisted that the goal was to get humanitarian aid through in Bosnia and that this can be accomplished just as well via the UN. He added that force was not ruled out, but that the rules of engagement had yet to be agreed

"The secretary-general's requirements are relief supplies.

On Aug. 13, the Security Council autho- have shifted, backing an approach first satisfied as well as the humanitarian aid

The issue is expected to be discussed by UN officials and the allies Wednesday in London during a conference that will bring together all factions in the Yugoslav dis-

The nature of the new operation, which diplomats said would require an additional resolution expanding the peacekeeping force's mandate, is expected to be similar in those under way in Sarajevo and the besieged town of Gorazde.

While a new resolution will be adopted, diplomats said, the current one authorizing all measures necessary will remain in force and could be invoked at any time. Some officials said that since the council passed the resolution anthorizing force, Serbian militiamen appeared "more compliant."

One official also noted that the Red Cross and UN refugee officials had been "All the objectives are met," he said. allowed to move more freely to deliver

Reporter For BBC Hit In Sarajevo

iiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - A BBC television reporter and four United Nations peacekeepers were wounded by shrapnel on Tuesday when mortar bombs rained down on Sarajevo in a sixth successive day of fierce fighting in the Bosnian capital.

Just one day before an international peace conference on the former Yugoslavia was to open in London, Bosnian authorities in the city announced a 48-hour curfew aimed at minimizing civilian casu-

alties. Martin Bell, a veteran BBC correspondent, was hit in the lower abdomen by two pieces of shrap-nel. Four UN peacekeepers, three Kenyans and one New Zealander were also hit. All five were treated at a clinic in the post office building being used as UN headquar-

Doctors who operated on Mr. Bell described the wound as serious but not life-threatening. "I'm O.K., I'll survive, I'm

alive," Mr. Bell, who was wearing a flak jacket, told his crew after he was hit Fighting has stepped up sharply in Sarajevo as Serbs besieging the city and Muslim and Croatian

forces defending it jockey for position ahead of the London talks. The Bosnian crisis center reported 32 killed and 131 wounded in

the 24 hours to midnight on Monday, one of the highest daily tolls in nearly live months of fighting. In Bosnia as a whole, 93 were reported killed and 27f wounded. As the curfew was announced

pedestrians rushed along the scarred streets to reach the relative safety of home. But it was not immediately clear whether the order to stay indoors was being universally observed. Bosnian government forces said his

troops were making inroads north-west of the city and had taken part of the strategic suburb of Ilidza. "It is very slow going; it is house to house, but we are taking territo-ry," said the commander, Sefer Ha-

The presidential palace and Bosnian military headquarters in Sara-jevo each took two direct hits in the

rocket and mortar barrage on Tues-day. (Reuters, AP)

TALK: Carrington Quits

(Continued from page 1) dreds of workers from platforms in had close ties with Serbia, agreed that the animosities between the feuding factions were so deep that the crisis could not be settled by a

single conference. There is no question in my mind that this is an issue that will not soon be resolved." Mr. Eagleburger said. "What we need from the conference is an outcome that will help the international commu-

nity begin to force the parties toward a settlement." Mr. Eagleburger also agreed with statements by Mr. Major and Mr. Butros Ghali that the principal work of the conference should foonly secondarily on U.S. concerns about keeping the conflict from

WORLD BRIEFS

Seoul Sees No Effect on North Talks

SEOUL (UPI) — Foreign Minister Lee Song Ock said Tuesday that talks between North and South Korea would not be affected by the accord normalizing relations between Seoul and Beijing.

Mr. Lee, speaking after he returned from the Chinese capital, where the accord was signed Monday, said: "Normalization of our relations with China was not intended to isolate North Korea. We hope North Korea will share in the international trend of reconciliation and cooperation and speedily resolve the nuclear issue, which is blocking improvement of its relations with the United States and Japan."

China and South Korea established diplomatic relations for the first time since both nations were founded, celebrating the end of a fourdecade cold war. Mr. Lee said a cooperation treaty with China was not yet being considered. "We plan to study one as our relations improve further," he said.

Russian Parliament Seizes Izvestia

MOSCOW (AFP) - The Russian parliament has taken over the assets of the Izvestia publishing house against the wishes of President Borts N. Yeltsin, the Russian press agency Itar-Tass said Tuesday. The newspaper's assets will come under the control of the Russian State Property Fund. The fund's president, Fikryat Tabeyev, had signed instructions for takeover of the assets "in accordance with the parliamen-

tary resolution of July 17." Russian deputies decided then that the newspaper, which used to be the parliament's mouthpiece, should come back under parliamentary control. After the failed coup attempt of August 1991 fevestia declared itself an independent newspaper. Its staff says parliament's action is illegal and that deputies have made the move as a challenge to Mr. Yeltsin.

Ex-Agent, a Defector, Exits Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Edward Lee Howard, a former CIA officer who defected to the Soviet Union after allegedly undermining the agency's Moscow operation, was released from Swedish detention and left the country Tuesday. His departure was announced shortly after a Russian intelligence official was quoted as saying that Mr. Howard would be reference in Moscow. be welcome in Moscow.

The police here dropped espionage charges Monday, but anthorities had been holding Mr. Howard, 40, while it was decided whether to give him a new residency permit. He was detained last week because his permit had expired.

Mr. Howard is wanted in the United States on charges of selling secrets in the Soviet Union after he was dismissed by the CIA in 1983. He fled the country in 1985 and defected to the Soviet Union in 1986. He could not legally be extradited to the United States for espionage, an offense that is not covered by the bilateral treaty between the United States and Sweden.

Ramos Releases 21 Rebel Leaders

MANILA (NYT) - President Fidel V. Ramos on Tuesday ordered the temporary release of five Communist Party leaders and 16 military officers accused of involvement in attempts to overthrow the governmen of the former president, Corazon C. Aquino. He acted on the eve of informal talks between government emissaries and exiled Marxist leaders in Utrecht, Netherlands, where the Communist front holds office,

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Among those ordered released were Romulo Kintanar, believed to be the head of the Communist New People's Army, and Saturnino Ocampo, a well-known former journalist alleged to be a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee. In 1986, Mr. Ocampo represented Marxist rebels in short-lived negotiations with the Aquino government.

On the army front, Mr. Ramos ordered the release of four colonels and

12 other officers in what was seen as an attempt to end military unrest. These include Colonel Luisito Sanchez and Captain Danilo Lim, both senior officers of the elite First Scout Ranger Regiment, which in 1989 occupied Manila's financial district for a week.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Exchange Rate Hurts U.S. Travelers

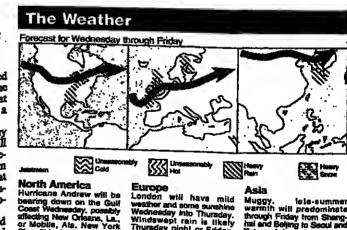
NEW YORK (Reuters) — While foreign-exchange dealers, central bankers and economists argue over the relative merits of a strong or weak dollar, historically low exchange rates for the currency threaten to stagger U.S. travelers abroad.

When you hear about coffee and a roll for \$15 somewhere, that kind of scares the independent traveler away," said Philip Davidoff, president of the American Society of Travel Agents. He noted that lourists who are parts of organized groups or other package deals, or are staying with friends or relatives, don't feel the pinch as much.

Conversely, the United States has become much more affordable for Europeans. A \$100-a-night hotel room now costs Britons about 12 percent less than when there is a more typical \$1.75-to-the-pound exchange rate. The Commerce Department predicts that 2.7 million Britons and 1.5 million Germans will visit the United States this year, increases of 7 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

Officials at Laxembourg's airport say that the police are investigating about half a dozen baggage handlers in connection with a recent rash of

Greek transportation workers began a week of strikes on Tucsday to protest government austerity measures. Trains and buses linking Athens and the main port of Piracus did oot run during rush hours, and army trucks were used to take Athenians to work. Employees of banks, public utilities, the postal service, state television and Olympic Airways are to begin stoppages Thursday.



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The storm left aircraft piled up at a hangar at Kendall-Tamiami Airport, south of Miami, while pleasure boats ended up in a tangle at the marina on Key Biscayne.

Amid the Storm Debris, an Armed Vigil for Looters

MIAMI - The destructive winds and rain that swept across South Florida were followed by a wave of police officers and National Guard troops called out to stop looting in some of the worst-hit areas.

In the aftermath of the hurricane, which hit the region on Monday, the 4 million people who lived through the terror of five hours of 140-mile-per-hour winds and 12foot sea surges emerged to find extensive property damage.

But what seemed to mark the region more were sirens, police cars, barricades and troops carrying assault rifles.

About 1,500 National Guard troops wearing flak jackets rolled into central Miami on Mooday. They joined riot-equipped police in setting up barricades around the area's most prominent commercial zones, downtown Miami and Coconut Grove, both of which border on two of the city's poorest and most volatile neighborhoods.

Far from those areas, the police blocked off access to the upscale main shopping street in Coral Gahles. "We just don't want people around," said a Coral Gables police

The official reason for placing the Miami area under near-martial law was to keep the streets clear for emergency workers and po-lice. But police officials had a darker view, citing the large number of cars cruising through the city's littered and broken streets, some merely sightseeing but others suspect-ed of casing potential looting targets.

"Hardly any of the people we stop trying to get into downtown or Coconut Grove work there," said a Miami motorcycle offi-cer, "Nobody's working today and they shouldn't be driving around."

There was some justification for that suspicion. Shops at one mall were threatened by as many as 100 looters, the police said. Isolated proceries and other small shops throughout the region were hit by looters. Those who rode out the storm in homes,

hotels and local shelters described a night of

600 people lay terrified on the ballroom

terror, listening to piercing winds and hear-At the Dadeland Marriott Hotel in Miami,

"The chandeliers were swinging, the floors were absolutely rocking," said Lisa Martin, velop the scale for measuring potential hurriwho followed others to the windowless ballroom to wait out the storm.

Around the hotel, which is in the southern corner of Miami near Coral Cables, the hurricane hit hardest, blowing off roofs, toppling gas pumps, lifting boats from the water and dumping them on land. The hotel's 11th and 24th floors were devastated. Windows shattered, and walls caved; some rooms were blown halfway into the hallways.

"It was like something in a movie," said Tracey Martin, 18. "We were all lying on the floor, everybody quiet, even the babies. It was eerie. You could hear the smashing and crashing up above."

While the storm caused an estimated \$15 billion to \$20 billion in damage, meteorologists said it might have been worse. Because coastline with relatively deep offshore waters, the hurricane was an "immature" storm that "was not as severe as what you would expect from a Category 4 burricane," said Robert Simpson, a former director of the lion in claims. -

cane damage.

The radius of hurricane-force winds carried by the storm, which was designated Andrew, was only 30 to 40 miles (50 to 65 kilometers), about half of the size of the hurricane called Hugo, which devastated the Carolinas and several Caribbean islands in 1989, said Jerry Jarrell, deputy director of the National Hurricane Center.

The destruction in Florida, and the anticipated damage elsewhere on the Gulf Coast, guaranteed that 1992 would be at least the second-worst year ever for U.S. propertycasualty insurers.

Even before the hurricane, insurers had ready racked up more than \$4 billion in losses this year. Now it is a certainty that losses in 1992 will surpass the \$4.2 billion it developed quickly, traveled last and hit a paid in 1991, the second most disastrous year ever. And it is very possible that claims will surpass the \$7.6 billion recorded in 1989, when the hurricane that devastated South Carolina and the Caribbean caused \$4.2 bil-(LAT, WP, NYT)

ANDREW: New Orleans Residents Evacuating, Florida Damage Set at Up to \$20 Billion

live in peace within secure borders, soon after the 1973 Arab-Israeli

about like toys, and trees were torn arriving at high tide and bringing

from the ground. "Dade County as we know it. especially from the Kendall area south, is never going to be the same," said Kate Hale, the county emergency management director.
"It is fundamentally destroyed. It's gone, it's over, it's finished."

She said her preliminary estimate of damage in south Florida was as high as \$15 billion to \$20 billion, and that at least 50,000

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wind gusts of more than 160 miles per hour and a tidal surge of up to 12 feet (3.6 meters). It left the Micut a swath across southern Flori-

ami area bruised and battered as it The death util in Florida was

Homestead was virtually de-

expected to rise. Rescue workers used police dogs and bulldozers on Tuesday to search for residents

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fore daybreak Monday at Home- stroyed, officials said Tuesday.

trapped inside mobile homes and other houses flattened by the

"It's solid dehris, six feet deep," management coordinator.

— nearly the entire city.

pile of rubble, with storefronts toppled into the street and concrete ceams twisted in half. City officials said 20,000 people were homeless

> were still missing, including eight police officers. As of 6 A.M. Tuesday, 825,000 households and businesses were still without power, according to a

tomers might have to wait weeks for service to be restored.

(Continued from page 1)

A key issue is the absence of "the" before "territories."

for territorial withdrawal when it returned the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt more than a decade ago.

including the United States, say that the principle applies to all

The new government has said formally that it agrees, relaying

that point directly to the Syrian delegation on Monday.

which is extendable on all fronts,"

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

said Tuesday. On whether Israel

was prepared to withdraw from

parts of the Golan Heights, he said:

"Israel is saying it in the lan-guage it has decided to say it in —

the language of 242 and 338," the

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"Israel said it recognizes 242,

But most parties to the dispute,

Authorities did not know how Pascagoula to Mobile, Alabama, said Andy Eans, an emergency many people had heeded the call to was onder a less serious hurricane evacuate in Louisiana and Texas, Homestead's three-block-long but major traffic routes out of the downtown business section was a areas were busy and hotels in Baton in coastal areas were closed. Class-Rouge, Louisiana, and other points es were called off and schools

Officials said a oumber of people and on Tuesday afternoon. Parts of Weather Service said.

ISRAEL: Hints of Concessions in the Golan Heights

Winds ranging up to 70 miles per

hour reached southeastern Louisithe state would have burricaneforce winds of 74 miles per hour by Tuesday night, the National

to the north were filled with evacuserved as emergency shelters. Down this way, after Hurricane Camille, you don't have to say 'hurricane' twice to get our attention," said Wade Guice, a Civil Defense official. That storm killed 256 peo-

A hurricane warning was extendspokesman for Florida Power & ed along about 470 miles of coast from Pascagoula, Mississippi, to Utility officials said some cusarea west of Galveston through Freeport, Texas, and from east of

ple, mostly in southern Mississippi. In Texas, coastal residents covered windows with plywood and stocked up on groceries and emergency supplies.
Oil companies evacuated hun-

the Gulf of Mexico. (AP, Reuters)

(Continued from page 1) second reference being to a rein-voted on Nov. 22, 1967, affirms the forcing Security Council resolution willing to give up "some kilome-right of countries in the region to that governs land for peace, passed ters" of Golan land in return for a peace treaty with Syria, but that israel would "never come down" and it calls on Israel to withdraw its war. But that did not mean Israel scale would "never come down" forces "from territories occupied in the recent conflict."

A key issue is the absence of hand, Mr. Peres said, for to do that hand, Mr. Peres said, Mr. Peres said, for to do that hand, Mr. Peres said, for to do that hand, Mr. Peres said, Mr. Peres said, Mr. Peres said, Mr. Per said that Israel still considered the Golan Heights "a security zone"

Likud, displaced last month by a Labor-led government, argued that Israel had fulfilled the requirement Rabin — the armed forces chief of cy of this government." GERMANY: Neo-Nazi Problems

(Continued from page 1) needed to get the foreigners to

"will only weaken our stand in ne-

"We don't want them here," she said. "Since the politicians won't do anything, this is the way." In Koblenz, a 23-year-old man described as a "skinhead" opened

Agence France-Presse reported. [The police said the man gave "hate" as his motive, saying that he wanted to kill to vent his feelings. The victims were among a group of about 15 in a public square.]

fire on bystanders with a large-calibre weapon on Tuesday night, killing one and wounding five, from the hostel. They are being ate about 200 Romanian gypsies housed in a former East German

Opinion polls indicate that 86 nercent of all Germans deplore the violence in Rostock. But the outburst comes amid an atmosphere of growing frastration in Eastern and Western Germany with the Bonn government's seeming inability to stem the flood of foreign refugees seeking political asylum under demonstrate quickly to the citizens in Eastern Germany the state's ca-Germany's liberal asylum law. pacity for decisive action.

The well-coordinated assaults in Rostock began shortly after a group of refugees arrived Saturday. The police said the neo-Nazis used citizens band radios and scanners to coordinate their attacks, monitor police movements and even jam police communications. The police were forced to evacu-

army harracks near Rostock under extremely heavy security. Wolfgang Schauble, a Christian Democratic politician who heads the governing coalition's parliamentary faction, called on the police and justice authorities in Ros-

tock to do everything "humanly possible" to see that the perpetrators were rapidly put in prison. Mr. Schaüble also said it was important for the authorities to

German Magazine Folding Agence France-Presse

BERLIN — The weekly magazine Quick, whose breezy editorial style made it a symbol of West Germany's post-World War II renewal, is to close this week after 43 years, its owners said Tuesday.

North America
Hurricane Andrew will be
bearing down on the Gulf
Coast Wednesday, possibly
affecting New Orleans, Ls.,
or Mobile, Afa. New York
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then there could be a thurderahower Thursday and
Friday. Europe
London will have mild
weather and some sureshine
Wednesday into Thursday.
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Thursday night or Friday.
Paris will have dry weather
at midweek, than showers
will army Friday. Southern
Europe will be hot.

about keeping the conflict from spreading.

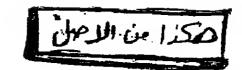
NATO Fails to Agree

The United States and its NATO allies on Thesday failed to endorse military plans for the possible deployment of thousands of soldiers to guard aid convoys to BosniaHezzegovina, news agencies reported from Brussels.

Ambassadors of the 16 rustions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization asked their military authorities for more details of the plans before giving final approval.

A NATO source said most allighed and most allights and most allighed and most allighed and most allights all gives a supported the proposal, but felt "it was not opportune" to pass it on the eve of the London conference.

The allies had been expected to endorse plans for the possible dispensation and most allights a



CAMPAIGN '92 / QUESTIONS OF SERVICE

We'll Wave, but Do We Have to Smile, Too? WASHINGTON — Some of the people who greeted President George Bush when he returned to the White House from a recent campaign swing were federal workers recruited at Customs Service

James Picard, a Customs Service official, said that about 100 workers from the agency and their relatives signed up to wave to the president when he returned to the White House on Sunday after-

He called it "a rare chance to stand on the White House lawn."

But two Customs employees who said their supervisors asked them if they wanted to attend questioned the propriety of federal

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workers being solicited by their bosses on government time to attend such an event. The workers, who asked not to be identified, said they feared the actions may have violated the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal workers from engaging in partisan politics.

Officials said they checked with both their agency lawyers and the Treasury Department's general counsel after an anonymous caller to commissioner's office raised the question late Friday. Mr. Picard said the lawyers gave their hlessing before the request was passed to the staff.

Bill Anthony, a career civil servant who runs the agency's external affairs office, said he received the request from the White House along with the understanding that Mr. Bush would not be making a political statement.

(WP)

For Perot, a Pricey Filing in the Political Arena

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot gave his presidential campaign \$5.9 million in July, the month he dropped ont of the race, according to a report filed with the Federal Election Commission.

The report showed that Mr. Perot kept giving money after he withdrew on July 16. At that point be estimated that he had spent \$10 million of his own money on the race, but the report shows that he had actually put \$9,251,803 in by then and that he added \$3,020,000 in the second half of the month, for a total of more than \$12.2 million. At one time he had said that if he stayed in the race, he

was prepared to spend \$100 million.

The independent campaign received a total of \$480,518 in contributions from other individuals, bringing the year's total for outside donations to \$2,535,048. That meant Mr. Perot contributed 83 cents

of each dollar the campaign took in.

On Tuesday, Mr. Perot said the chances that he would re-enter the campaign were so remote that it was "not even worth talking about." He said he was more interested in forcing the two major parties to address the deficit and in influencing House and Senate elections. Mr. Perot was asked if there were any circumstances under which

he would re-open his campaign. "I think only if both political parties are totally insensitive to the American people would that occur," he said. "I think it's very remote."

Our Values Are as Good as Yours, Gore Says

WASHINGTON - Senator Al Gore, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, accused Republicans on Tuesday of trying to mislead the American public about which ticket has "family values" and called President George Bush's post-convention poll gains

temporary.

"We are strongly in favor of the traditional values on which this country is based," Mr. Gore said in a television interview, Any effort to pretend there is a difference between Democrats and Republicans on that point "is really an effort to mislead," he said.

Many speakers at the Republican convention last week, including President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle, tried to depict their party as the true party of family values, a term not clearly defined. Mr. Gore said that Mr. Bush and Mr. Quayle vetoed a bill that would have guaranteed parents time off with new or seriously ill children because "they placed a higher priority on responding to the wealthy and powerful.

wealthy and powerful."

Commenting on the Republican ticket's post-convention showing in the polls, Mr. Gore said it was "customary and normal for a party that has four uninterrupted nights on prime-time television to get some kind of boost."

(AP)

Quote-Unquote

dent Dan Ouavie before boar for a whistle-stop tour across North Carolina: "I know why Bill Chinton likes football. Because when he hears the quarterback say. "Hike!" he thinks of taxes."

Bob Geolas, state director for the North Carolina Democratic Party, watching Mr. Quayle's departure: "I hope he gets off the train some and gets down with the real people that have lost jobs in the last four years."

Away From the Hustings

 General Motors Corp.'s 190,000 white-collar workers and retirees will pay health insurance premiums for the first time in more than 25 years, the automaker said.

 The Mississippi Supreme Court has indefinitely delayed the third murder trial of Byron De La Beckwith, who is accused of the 1963 assassination of the civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

• An early morning arou fire caused \$150,000 in damage to the Los Angeles County Republican Party headquarters in South Pasadena, sending party officials searching for other quarters to house their campaign operations temporarily.

 Daisy Hutson, a New York City woman who said she had shot her crack-addicted daughter to death after enduring years of hies, thefts and threatening demands for money, has been indicted on manslanghter rather than murder charges, which signals a leniency that could lead to a plea bargain allowing her to avoid prison.

 A twin-engine Lone Star Airlines commuter plane crashed on takeoff at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during a maintenance test flight, killing all three crew members.

 A federal judge in Treaton, New Jersey, has rejected a defense motion to delay the trial of Arthur D. Seale, who is charged in the fatal abduction of Sidney J. Reso, an Exxon Corp. executive. A stabbing victim was found dead in her apartment in Lexington, Massachusetts, five hours after a dispatcher dismissed her plea for help as a prank, the authorities said.

A federal mediator said he was encouraged after negotiators for striking newspaper delivery drivers and The Pittsburgh Press Co. resumed talks after three weeks.

Allen-Farrow Feud: ✓ First Day in Court

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK -- A judge on Tuesday instructed Mia Farrow not to take her and Woody Allen's children out of the country and turned down a bid by Mr. Allen's lawvers to set up an immediate visi-

tation schedule. Neither Mr. Allen oor Ms. Farrow showed up for the houriong bearing, the first round of the estranged couple's custody dispute.

Lawyers for the filmmaker asked state Supreme Court Justice Phyllis Gangel-Jacob to withhold the children's passports, saying that Ms. Farrow had threatened to take Satchel, 4, Dylan, 7, and Moses, 14, gut of the country.

The judge then told lawyers for

Ms. Farrow that she was prohibited from taking the children out of the

The judge set a closed-door hearing for Tuesday evening for the two to try to resolve their dispute. Mr. Allen sued for custody of their

three children Aug. 13. The dispute has been played out

abuse allegations against Mr. Allen, 56, and by his romance with Ms. Farrow's adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Farrow Previn, believed to be between 19 and 21.

Mr. Allen's lawyers asked the judge to approve a schedule for him to visit his children, but she declined to rule immediately, asking them to submit a proposed visitation schedule in writing.

On Monday, she decided against TV and radio coverage of the hearing after lawyers for both sides asked for the ban. Normally, custody hearings are closed to the public to protect the children.

The dispute is a publicity bonanza for Mr. Allen's oew movie, "Husbands and Wives." Tri-Star Pictures has moved up its opening to Sept. 18 in 800 U.S. theaters. instead of the previously an-nounced Sept. 23 in eight cities. The chairman of Tri-Star, Mike Medavoy, acknowledged that the move was meant to take advantage of the publicity. (AP, LAT)

Clinton, Defending Draft Record, Wins Veterans' Applause

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Governor Bill Clinton told veterans Tuesday that they had a right to vote against him because he had not served in the military, but he expressed hope that they would look toward the future "rather than remaining fixed to the problems of the past."

"This campaign must be decided on the future of our nation and on the issues," the Democratic presidential candidate told an American Legion convention hours after President George Bush addressed the same

Mr. Clinton said he wanted to "set the record straight" on his draft record. The Arkansas governor reiterated his explanation that he had agreed to join a reserve officer training program that offered him a deferment in 1969 but that he later put himself into the draft and drew a high lottery number that was never called.

"I would have served and gone to Viet-nam if I had been so ordered," he said. He said he was relieved that year when he received the high number in the lottery, "not because I didn't want to serve my

country but because I believed so strongly Mr. Bush said his combat experience as a that our policy in Vietnam was wrong." Mr. Bush said his combat experience as a navy pilot in World War II had guided his But he added, "I was oever against the foreign policy as president, heroic men who served in that war. I hon"At age 18 1 went off to fight," he said. ored your service then and 1 honor it still."

group, which interrupted his speech with applause on several occasions and delivered a standing ovation at the end.
"I think it's about time to put the whole thing to rest. I have to tell you I was quite and the Gulf. He added that his "sensitivimpressed," said Jerry Dierman, a Vietnam Veteran from Brooklyn, Connecticut, who

described himself as a registered Republi-

can. "I'm not sure who I'm going to vote

Mr. Bush, who also drew heavy applause, made no reference to Mr. Clinton in his speech to the veterans group but spoke of his own military service in World War II. And before either candidate spoke. Bush campaign aides distributed a state-ment that Mr. Clinton had been inconsis-tent in describing his draft status, acknowledging that he received an induction notice only after it was reported by news organi-

"Like many of you I was scared but I was willing. I was young but I was ready. Like Mr. Clinton was warmly received by the so many of you, I had barely lived when I

began to watch men die."
"My own experience was in my mind," ity was magnified a thousand times" by his

military experience.

Mr. Clinton said he still believed the Vietnam War "weakened and divided

"I know many of you disagree with me. I respect that." The Democrat told the veterans: "If you

choose to vote against me because of what happened 23 years ago, that's your right and I respect that. But it is my hope you will cast your vote while looking toward the future with hope rather than remaining fixed to the problems of the past."

The issue of Mr. Clinton's draft record arose earlier this year when it was reported

that he had received an induction notice in April 1969 while a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University in England. In July of that the Gulf War. year, Mr. Clinton enrolled in a reserve officer training program at the University our military's ability to meet U.S. commit-of Arkansas and received a deferment.

our military's ability to meet U.S. commit-ments abroad, and will cost 1 million de-

The Bush campaign release included a Clinton quote from a December 1991 Washington Post interview in which he and would not harm nacional security, said he expected the draft board to call him Congress has been pressing the administraduring his first year at Oxford, "but they tion to cut deeper than the 25 percent never did." Later, Mr. Clinton acknowl-reductions it planned before the Soviet edged getting a letter from his draft board collapse, and characterized it as an induction letter.

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When that controversy arose in April, Mr. Clinton said he would check his records and contact the government and friends for documents, but he has not re-leased additional materials.

adhered to UN resolutions banning his weapons of mass destruction.

"We're waiting, were you inducted or not?" said the Bush-Quayle campaign

In a separate handout, the Republicans said Mr. Clinton wanted to cut too much

"The Clinton cuts will inevitably impact of Arkansas and received a deferment.

He said he later gave up the deferment because "it was just not right."

ments abroad, and will cost 1 million defense workers their jobs," it said.

Mr. Clinton says his proposals for reduc-

ing the size of the military are a necessary part of adjusting to the post-Cold War era

Mr. Bush, in his speech, defended his decision to stop the war against Iraq in 1991 with Saddam Hussein still in power. and he vowed to make sure Mr. Saddam

weapons of mass destruction.
"Io spite of freedom's great gains, I
know that our world is more uncertain. more unpredictable than the world we left behind." Mr. Bush said. He warned of "wolves in the woods" that could endanger from defense funds and suggested that he the United States.



President Bush crossing the White House lawn Tuesday on his way to a helicopter. He was leaving to cann

SUITS: In U.S., the Man in the Gray Flannel One Is Nearing Extinction

(Continued from page 1) years ago, when it began to close suit departments in many of its

"What's happened to men's suits in the last three years is catastroph-ic," says Alan Millstein, an industry analyst in New York. "No other area of the clothing business has shown such a dramatic drop."

As if to confirm the impression that men would rather wear Tshirts than pinstripes, New York designers put the emphasis on shorts and sandals at their spring previews last month. In fact, the

suit was deemed so uninteresting that it had to be shown with various props, including a sarong skirt and a bandanna, when it was shown at "I want to throw the suit out completely," declared Donna Karan, a Seventh Avenue designer.

"When you don't have rather rig-id standards, then you gradually descend to hluejeans and sweat-shirts," says Richard Martin, a cu-rator at New York's Pashion Institute of Technology, where he has been following the comet of casual dress for some time.

He believes the decline in suit sales represents "a profound change" in the attitudes of men. It may indicate a break from the conventions associated with their fa-thers' generation, when conformity ed to behavior as well as to

"You don't have to he so struc- pect of a single regional currency,

tured by the dictums of the past," to boredom and seem to require suggests Stan Tucker, the men's less and less effort to wear? When fashion director at Saks Fifth Avedoes a contrived statement of indif-

Like a lot of other retailers, Mr.

Tucker sees the change as essentially positive, expressing a certain open-mindedness about fashion.

Tucker sees the change as essentially positive, expressing a certain cause men prefer to be comfortable. It will die from lack of mechanisms. "For years men didn't wear est.

(Continued from page 1) signed in Maastricht, Netherlands,

in December, has already been re-

jected by Denmark, in a referen-dum June 2. Most political experts say they believe it will have to he

abandoned or, at least, renegotiat-

ed if it is also rejected by France.

In addition, many European 5-nancial experts fear that a French "no" would aggravate the foreign

exchange crisis provoked by the strength of the German Deutsche mark and the weakness of the dol-

lar and would force a realignment of major European currencies.
The currencies of most EC mem-

bers are tied under an exchange rate mechanism that allows only a

limited margin for fluctuation.

Without the medium-term pros-

much color, either because they were ashamed of it or afraid of it," he says. "Well, that's one thing that's different."

Perhaps the only thing the suit has going for it is history.

"The suit has been around for 300 years," declares Edward But what are the long-term ef- Macder, the costume curator at the

fects of clothes that owe their style Los Angeles County Museum of

demand greater flexibility in order

to stimulate economic growth.

The new French polls sent shock

waves through both foreign ex-

change markets and the Paris stock

market, because one for the first

time indicated that, of voters who

had made up their minds, 51 per-

cent would reject the treaty and 49 percent would support it. This poll was prepared by BVA for the mag-

azine Paris-Match and French state

VSD magazine showed that, of those giving an opinion, 52 percent

backed the treaty and 48 percent

were against — compared with 55 percent and 45 percent six weeks

ago. But it said that 36 percent were

A Louis Harris poll prepared for

television channels.

Art. "It's not going away in a single At Arnold & Porter, a Washingference become an unquestionable ton law firm, a spokeswoman expressed confidence that sarong skirts were not likely to invade its

worsted lair anytime soon.

Bot if the measure of a man's

in bluejeans, if the effort attached to appearance seems as wasted as its effects, and if the terms of acceptance are open increasingly to question, can the suit's demise be far behind?

IFOP for L'Express magazine, said that, of those giving an opinion, 51 percent were in favor and 49 per-

With support for the treaty slid-

ing from around 70 percent in June

in response to vocal campaigning by its opponents, President Fran-

cois Mitterrand has now decided to

lead the "yes" campaign himself by debating the issue with critics on

But this decision entails serious

risks, because the president's own

approval rating is now close to its lowest ever, and many opponents

of the treaty have been arguing that rejection of the Maastrichi treaty would be an effective way of ex-

cent were opposed.

television next week.

secretary of state at the time, said that Mr. Bush "was on the other side" of the debate within the administration over the arms sales. Mr. Bush has repeatedly refused POLLS: French 'No' Voters on Maastricht Draw Even to say what advice he gave President Ronald Reagan on the arms sales. But in January 1988, while he The third poll, carried by out by

> sight that mistakes had been made. Mr. Reagan to investigate the Iran-contra affair, concluded that Mr. Bush had been a minor player and found nothing to criticize. Mr. Bush in early January 1988 was interviewed by prosecutors on the affair, but was assured at the time that he was only a witness, and oot a subject or target of their inquiry.
>
> Mr. Weinberger faces perjury charges. He is alleged to have lied to Congress about his knowledge of

the arms shipments.

A Tepid Tsongas 'Helps Out' Clinton

But what of Mr. Clinton's eco-nomic plan? asked the reporters

gathered at the Governor's Man-

Not to worry, Mr. Tsongas re-plied, predicting that Mr. Clinton would "do the right things" as pres-

ident because the governor had

good instincts and, well, unlike Mr.

Bush, had no White House record

to defend to the dogged, wrong-

giving his backers any real guid-ance on what to think about the

Clinton economic plan.

But he kept sliding away from

About the closest he came to a

indement on the plan, which in-

cludes some new job-creation pro-

posals and, since the primaries, a

scaled-back tax cut for the middle

class, was to characterize it as hav-

ing "movement" and "evolving" in

Clinton and to press my views upon him and the people around

headed end.

By B. Drummond Ayres Jr. race. "Bill Clinton is very bright," New York Times Service LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas —

Paul E. Tsongas came to town to help Governor Bill Clinton do a bit of Bush-bashing. Or that's the way the visit was touted.

He did bash, calling the mention of tax cuts and the other economic proposals that Mr. Bush offered at last week's Republican convention 'cynical, outrageous oonsense' and asserting that the president had lost the will and capacity to 20Vern.

But Mr. Tsongas also managed to duck, weave and drolly chuckle his way around a solid endorsement of the economic proposals offered thus far by Mr. Clinton.

"Clearly it's not my plan," Mr. Tsongas said at one point, standing next to the man who bested him in the spring primaries.

Mr. Tsongas and Mr. Clinton a positive direction. differed sharply back then over tax policy, with the former Massachusetts senator opposing any cuts and the Arkansas governor favoring a him," Mr. Tsongas said. "That has cut for the middle class. But after been the case for several months in the fall.

week, asserting that it was "stagger-ingly clear" that Mr. Clinton was the preferable candidate in the

Memo Indicates Bush Backed Sale Of Arms to Iran

WASHINGTON - A document described by prosecutors in former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger's criminal case said that George Bush, then vice presi-dent, had disagreed with senior ofstatus is oow his ability to flaunt it ficials who opposed secret U.S. arms sales to Iran in 1985.

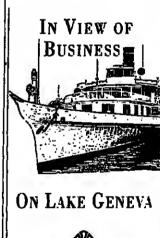
A handwritten note taken by an aide to George P. Shultz, who was

was running for president, he said the "stood solidly with the president," although he realized in hind-A review board, appointed by

Mr. Clinton locked up the Demo- and that will continue. I'm not one cratic nomination, the two men who is in the position of saying, made their peace, and Mr. Tsongas 'Well, the kinds of things I advocatsaid he would support the governor ed are past history.'" Was that a way of saying, a re-He reiterated that support this porter asked, that the Clinton plan did oot go far enough, that the governor should move closer to Mr. Tsongas' point of view? Mr. Tsongas did oot get a chance to answer.

Mr. Clinton, who had watched all of this impassively, stepped to the microphone, mustered a wan

smile, and declared: "Yeah. That's a way of saying





'Dianagate' Tapes Have Britain Agog

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

New York Times Service

LONDON — Like a soap opera spun out of control, the travails of Britain's royal family took another twist on Tuesday when a tabloid newspaper set up a telephone holine so that callers could hear what was said to be an intimate conversation between the Princess of Wales and an unidentified male.

The taped telephone conversation purports to record the princess making an apparently illicit date with the unidentified male friend and complaining to him that her marriage to Prince Charles is "torture." Coming just days after the poblication of pictures showing the Duchess of York topless

and kissing a Texas businessman, the "Dian-

agate" tapes, as the tabloids here called them,

were variously seen as an elaborate hoax, a

cruel invasion of privacy or the most serious in a relentless series of public relations crises for the beleaguered monarchy.

Portions of the transcripts of the 23-minute conversation appeared last week in the Unit-ed States in The National Enquirer and were published here by The Express on Sunday and by The Sun on Monday and Tuesday. The Sun then went a step further on Tuesday, setting up a telephone line to allow callers to hear the tape for themselves, an offer that more than 20,000 people accepted despite a charge of 48 pence (95 cents) a minute.

The conversation, with the man talking on a phone in his car, was made by a radio enthusiast who used a scanner to randomly monitor cellular calls, The Sun reported. After first dismissing the transcripts as oot

ing that the portions of the tape officials had heard were "inconclusive." On Tuesday, the Palace declined to comment further.

Much of the conversation in the transcriots is gossip about triends and associates, some of whom are named and do move in the same circles as Princess Diana. The conversation at times turns personal, although not terribly intimate, with the man calling the woman Squidgy," asking her to blow him kisses over the phone and professing his love.

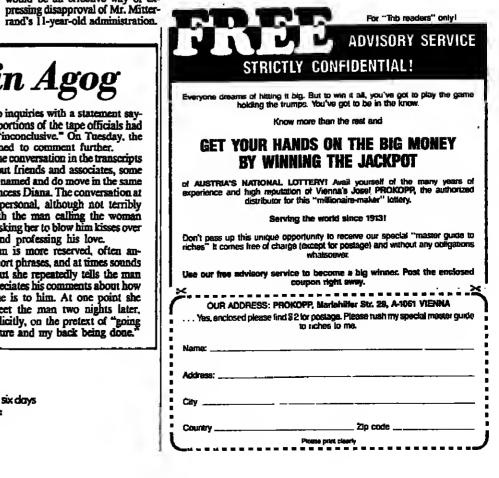
The woman is more reserved, often answers with short phrases, and at times sounds distracted. But she repeatedly tells the man that she appreciates his comments about how important she is to him. At one point she agrees to meet the man two nights later, apparently illicitly, on the pretext of "going for acupuncture and my back being done."

worth commenting on, Buckingham Palace

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OPINION

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Down Goes the Dollar

It's Germany's fault. The dollar is falling rapidly against the European currencies be-cause Germany has mishandled the financing of its remification. But Americans are in no position to complain about it, since the Germans' error - resorting to heavy borrowing in order to avoid a tax increase - is the same error the United States has been practicing on a grand scale since 1981.

The German government greatly under-estimated the cost of reunifying the coun-try, and in the last election Chancellor Helmut Kohl confidently assured the voters that no tax increase would be needed to pay for it. That was the German equivalent of "Read my lips." Tax increases are no more popular in Germany than in America, and now the Kohl government is desperately borrowing to meet the mounting expense of rebuilding the former East Germany.

The German central bank, determined not to let this borrowing translate itself into inflation, has forced interest rates sky-high. In the United States, meanwhile, interest rates have fallen unusually low because of the recession last year, the weak recovery and President George Bush's inessant dramming on the Federal Reserve in behalf of easy credit. As a result, international investors and speculators are moving massive amounts of money from the United States to Europe, selling dollars and buying marks, to take advantage of the much higher rates there.

The dollar has been falling against the mark, irregularly but persistently, for the past year. The latest downward inrch may have been incited by Mr. Bush's address to the Republican convention, which has apparently been read by the moneybags to mean that be intends no change in policy before the election. But the underlying cause is the huge disparity in interest rates on the two sides of the Atlantic.

Does it make any difference that the dollar is falling? That depends on how far down it goes and how long it stays there. American exporters will be able to sell more goods in Europe, but imports will cost more in America and push the inflation rate up a little. Neither will happen quickly.

The most immediate significance of the falling dollar is that it strongly discourages any further reduction in interest rates in the United States, election year or not. If the dollar continues to drop, it may even require interest to rise a bit. The outflow of capital to Europe is more than the United States, with its own immense borrowing requirements, can afford. To put it in political terms, you could say that the current decline of the dollar is Adam Smith's comment on the way the campaign is going.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

For a 'NATO' in Asia

War antagonisms with their announcement Monday of formal ties. Four decades ago these countries fought a hot war, with U.S. and United Nations troops engaged on the South Korean side. But this bridge-building between all enemies risks heightening the isolation of North Korea and Taiwan. It also will be perceived as anti-Japanese by Tokyo's nationalists. The post-Cold War era ought to mean more than swapping one set of hostile alliances for another. To keep that from happening, all the region's powers, including the United States, need to begin planning for a broad, NATO-like institution to promote peace in the Pacific.

China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, and Korea's president, Roh Tae Woo, have courted each other for years. Beijing sees Korean trade and investment as a way to speed economic reform. Seoul sees China as a potential broker with North Korea. And each sees the other as a counterweight to Japan. Economic ties with Tokyo cannot erase traumatic inemories in both countries of past suffering at Japanese hands.

China will maintain relations with North Korea, but may lose influence there. That could slow international efforts to coax Pyongyang toward nuclear inspections. But Pyongyang now has more

South Korea and China set aside Cold reason than ever to seek improved ties with the United States and Japan. And that requires resolving the nuclear issue.

The clearest loser from Monday's agreement is Taiwan. Seoul, like Washington, now accepts Beijing's claim to be China's sole legal government. But in real life there are now two Chinas. And for the first time since the Nationalist government fled to the island in 1949, Taiwan can fairly claim to be Free China, buoyantly capitalist and tantalizingly close to multiparty democracy.

It is cynical and dangerous for the rest of the world to kowtow to Beijing's fictions about Taiwan. While Taiwan's government also pays lip service to the one-China concept, it readily acknowledges the mainland government's existence and role in international affairs. Humoring Beijing's diplomatic games today could tempt mainland leaders one day to seek reunification by force.

A Pacific security organization, including Japan, China, Korea, Russia, the United States and Southeast Asian countries, would not magically conjune regional tensions away. But it could help divert them into safer channels. Wise leaders in Washington would see the Chinese-Korean agreement as a clear signal that a new Asian security era is dawning. Is America ready for a new role?

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Road for Lebanon

It is a democratic road that Lebanon is trying to travel back from 15 years of civil war, but a crooked road. Sunday was the first of three Sundays on which Lebanese, who have not voted in 20 years, could elect a new parliament. Boycott the poll, said many Christians and some (Sunni) Muslims: The vote will confirm Syria's grip on the country - Damascus, invited in to put out the fire, stayed on - and deepen the Christian-Muslim divide. Vnte, said many others: It is Lebanon's one way to escape Syria's occupation, eventually, and meanwhile to keep the spark of Lebanese nationalism alive.

Democracy as an instrument of national redemption is a common American theme. But it seems to many Lebanese that democracy, which existed but never flourished in multicultural Lebanon, might encourage disintegration. Implicit in the circumstances, moreover, is the possibility that the final answer will not be known until it is too late to do anything about it

Syria treats Lebanon's democracy cynically as a process open to its manipulation, although even Damascus's Lebanese friends were dismayed by the showing of Iran-backed fundamentalists in the first day's vote. Still, the foreign friends of Lebanon are right to mudge it to choose participation over

boycott. It is a risk but it is the lesser risk. It makes Lebanon more available to the fellowship of democratic countries. It puts Damascus under continuing political pressure.

One pressure, inscribed in the Tair accords

ending Lebanon's civil war, is to support a democratic process. Another is for Syria to withdraw its 40,000 troops. This September is the due date for a "redeployment" from Beirut eastward — a few miles — to Beira. By the American reading, however, Taif hinges redeployment on agreement between Damascus and the Lebanese government, which is a client of Damascus. And Syria appears reluctant to honor its withdrawal commitment without an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

The Arab-Israeli peace talks that re-sumed on Monday in Washington are the key forum here. With an evident eye to the political twists, the United States advises Lebanon to put economic reconstruction first. This is not bad advice, but it fosters a Lebanese tendency to believe that their country's interests are being subordinated to Syria's and, in a broader context, to Israel's. This is Lebanon's fate. Its best way to avoid it is to take every chance, even a half-chance, to go down the democratic road.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Progress in South Africa

The volatile mood of the general public in South Africa, which swings almost day by day from euphoria to deepest gloom, is an understandable symptom of insecurity. It is also a woeful display of a lack of fortitude.

Tn emphasize progress is not simply to lapse into Pollyanna cheerfulness. It is a necessary attempt to redress the balance. Much of the damaging pessimism emanates from people who are trying in their own minds to justify a decision to take flight. Spare a thought, for once, for the over-whelming majority of ordinary people who cannot flee, and who will endure whatever happens, and for whom the gloomsaying is

simply an added burden. There was a time when prisoners were killed in detention, and nothing was heard of them. Now every death in the police cells attracts public inquiry and outcry. That is enormous progress. There was a time when black people were penned back into homelands to starve. Now they flock to cities and become squatters, exploiting the advantages of urban life over rural life. That, too,

is progress. There was a time when the [Australian and New Zealand rugby union teams] could not come to this country. Now they come, and we all stand in enforced silence. That is progress.

We are a long way short of the plight of Yugoslavia, or Russia, or Mozambique. That is reason for cheer, not for lament. - The Sunday Times (Johannesburg).

Russians Will Find a Way

The development of democracy in Russia depends on internal stability there. Unfortunately, prospects do not look good, and there is little that the West can do to improve them. But excessive posturing as the victors of the Cold War by certain Western leaders for the home audience may be comterproductive in that it can only humiliate Russian national pride and help those who seek to undermine Russia's fledgling democracy. Yet there remains cause for hope, when one remembers the country's amazi ability to recover from all the disasters that have afflicted it in the course of its history.

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The Reasons Not to Help in Bosnia Will Never Convince

P ARIS — When I see on television the faces of camp prisoners in Serbia and Bosnia, and when I hear arguments against any milltary intervention by the international community, I am reminded of a conversation I had 11 years ago in Berlin with John J. McCloy.

One of the wise men of postwar American diplomacy, Mr. McCloy, before becoming America's high commissioner for Germany, had played a key role in planning military operations in the European theater. As such he had advised Franklin Roosevelt against bombing Germany's concentration camps in 1944.

During our conversation, Mr. McCloy was keen to address this issue, as if to justify him-

self: he was aware that I was the son of an Auschwitz survivor. His case for not bombing the camps was rational, technically convincing. The camps, for him, were not a military nbjective. Bombing them would have been too costly, and would have diverted precious bombers at a time when they were badly needed for impending battles. Moreover, prisoners would have been killed along with their torturers.

One should not compare the Balkan camps with those run by Nazi Germany. The question facing the international community is not whether they should be bombed but how to close them; their existence is intolerable. What can be compared, though, is the cold logic and seeming prudence rooted in aloci indifference By Dominique Moïsi

to the suffering of "others" - European Jews yesterday, European Muslims today.

There will always be experts to justify non-intervention. They will always find arguments to support their conservative, passive reflexes. In the present case: Former Yugoslavia is not flat like Kuwait: the Serbs are fierce warriors; intervention would ensuare the West in another Vietnam: besides, the combatants in the Balkan strife are barbaric and should be put in quarantine to protect our civilized, prosperous world.

Not only is suffering next door perceived with passive resignation, but now it is being exploited politically for domestic purposes in France, in the referendum campaign over the Maastricht Treaty. Opponents of the treaty are quick to denounce Europe's impotence as a reason to reject further supranational integration leading to even greater paralysis; for them, France alone would have done better. Pro-Maastricht advocates cite Yugoslavia's fate as an example of what a united Western Europe

has escaped — war among its member nations.
Such linkages between Maastricht and Sarajevo are not only artificial but also simply wrong. France may be capable of gestures of panache — François Mitterrand's trip to Sara-jevo, for one — but it does not have the diplomatic or military means to determine the con-flict's nutcome. Nor is an integrated Europe an answer in itself, if its member states fail to display political courage and moral strength.

The international community should have deterred the authoritarian, expansionist regime of Slobodan Milosevic in its quest for a greater Serbia. Instead it has wrongly deterred itself from meaningful action.

Serbia is not North Victoria; its population is not fired by anti-colonial hatred. The Serbs are far more divided than outsiders think. The West's duty is to expose the weakness of the Milosevic project and ask Serbs what they really want: a large Serbia, isolated from the rest of Europe by its conquests, the nondemocratic nature of its regime and the collapse of its strangled economy, or a smaller but more democratic and more respectable country? The Western community has to demonstrate

by a process of firm escalation — from protection of humanitarian convoys at all costs to the creation of protective buffer zones around the encircled cities of Bosnia - that expansion by force in the new Europe cannot pay, and that "ethnic cleansing" is intolerable.

Public opinion in Western Europe under-

stands this and is far more prepared for a sizable military intervention than are its governmental elites. It is significant that nearly half of the French contingent in the United Nations

forces in former Yugoslavia are conscripts who volunteered for the sake of saving lives.
Would the Serbs still follow Slobodan Milo-

" Inlikely

sevic if there were a real prospect of confrontation with a united international community - or with a united Europe? The writer is associate director of the Institut Français des Relations Internationales and editor of its journal, Politique Eurangère. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

The Chost of John J. McCloy

J OHN J. McCloy, who died in 1989 at the age of 93, opposed a plan to bomb the railways leading to the Auschwitz death camp. He saw enormous difficulties in such a raid. He did

nothing. It is probably not too much to say that the ghost of McCloy haunts Washington today.

The Balkans is one of those places that can be used to prove anything. But to do nothing in the face of mass murders, torture, the purposeful killing of civilians and the reported existence of death camps diminishes us all morally. Some-how, nothing concrete has been done to stop the killings, nothing to enable you or me to say that, at minimum, our governments tried their best. If only Bosnia had cil. - Richard Cohen in The Washington Post.

Putting Up With Saddam, for Now, May Be the Lesser Evil

NICOSIA — For strategists planning to prod Saddam Hus-

sein into new military clashes in order to finally destroy him, recent Arab history holds a simple lesson: Military might alone won't work. The reasons lie in the nature of

Arab people and Arab politics. They also lie in the fact that Iraq has bigger oil reserves, cheap to exploit and market. Many cover this oil. The governments and multinational nil companies that most want

Iraqi oil - especially in France and Japan -do not want to have to deal with a partitioned or fragmented Iraq. They do not want to deal with a Kurdish regime in the north, which has been talking about separate deals for oil pumped out of the Kirkuk or Mosul fields. Nor do they want to have to dicker for oil concessions from some future Shiite entity in Iraq's south, where nearby Big Brother, Iran, has a vital commercial interest in keeping Iraqi oil off the world market.

By John K. Cooley

This latter interest is shared by the world's nther main producers. They fear huge losses if currently embargoed Iraqi oil reappears and

hig oil groups, such as Elf Aqui-taine of France, do not want any new round of fighting to destroy Iraqi oil. They want to continue talking, as in the past, with one central government in Baghdad that can treat them as preferred customers and gnarantee them their oil.

As for a military overthrow of Saddam Hussein by the allies, it is well to recall that battlefield defeat has rarely destroyed an Arab leader. France's generals won the military war against the Algerian revolution-aries in from 1954 to 1962, but its politicians lost the political struggle they tried to wage against most of the Afro-Asian world and a U.S. president, John Kennedy, to keep Algeria French. Algeria's banished or imprisoned nationalist leaders were ultimately strengthened by the military force France used. Another case that the "Let's get

Saddam theorists should recall is that of Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser. In 1936, Israel, Britain and France seized the Suez Canal, certain that they could kill off Nasser and Abdel Suez Canal, certain that they could kill off Nasser. and Arab nationalism as well. President Dwight Eisenhower sided with Nasser. This and the rather halfhearted Israeli-British-French military expedition sent Nasser's prestige soaring in Egypt and the Arab world. A new Nasser hero myth was born.

When Israel's air force and army routed Egypt and its Arab allies in June 1967, Nasser publicly took the blame and offered his resignation to his people. Instead of accepting, ecstatic Egyptian crowds voted him back to power and honor. Not that Saddam Hussein would

ever apologize for anything, nor willingly leave decisions abut Iraq's future to anyone else, even his own sons, brothers or tribal companions. He is a different sort of political animal, unable to play any role oth-

er than that of egomaniac. Saddam Hussein, remember, was supported by the West, including big business and big oil in the United States, when he opposed the Iranian revolutionaries. President George Bush ordered General Nor-man Schwarzkopf not to finish off Saddam after the Iraqi's forces were expelled from Kuwaii in March 1991. Some who know Saddam better than I are certain that as a result he feets a kind of immunity, a mystic protection from harm by the West. The record indicates that it would

take far more than air strikes against targets in southeastern Iraq, or more than another defeat by ground troops, to pry Saddam from power. When his palace guard crushed an oprising on June 29 by a mecha-

nized division northwest of Bagh-dad, most Iraqis, preoccupied with the daily struggle to raise enough money in buy black market food or

scarce medicine, hardly noticed.

If the allies move back into Iraq militarily, they will need much more than just planes, missiles or other hardware. They must set up precise nbjectives and make detailed plans for reaching them. They would do well to reread the history of Britain's weary Mesopotamian campaign of 1914-1917. It was intended to destroy Turkish armies but instead united many Muslims against the British, who were left in a quagmire. The lesser evil may be for the

allies to learn in live in the same world with Saddam Hussein until his people or his god remove him.

The writer, an ABC News correspondent based in Cyprus who specializes in the Middle East, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Asia-Pacific Security: Act Now to Avoid a Regional Arms Race

By Paul Dibb

CANBERRA—The security situation in the Asia-Pacific region in the 1990s promises to be less certain than it was in the Cold War period. The naval forces of the former Soviet Union are leaving the In-dian Ocean and the South China Sea. Soviet threat and domestic economic pressures in the United States.

A pessimistic scenario would see The United States is reducing its mil-tary presence in the area. Questions are being asked by the smaller coun-tries of the region whether these trends

will offer greater opportunities for in-fluence by China, Japan and India. There is growing concern about the dangers of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of ballistic missiles in the Asia-Pacific region. Advanced conventional weapons also are becoming more easily affordable, as the leading arms manufacturers in North America, Western Europe and Russia compete for a

contracting arms market. In Asia and the Pacific, power will remain a fact of life and a key determinant of relations between states. But not all change will be adverse. The rapid economic growth of the region is underpinning political sta-bility and development of more par-

ticipatory forms of government.

The Bush administration asserts that the United States intends to remain a military power in Asia and the Pacific. By the end of 1992, U.S. forces will have withdrawn from bases in the Philippines but will retain a substantial presence in South Korea, Japan, Hawaii and at sea with

refugee camp across the border in Thailand, cut off from her three

children who stayed behind. Today Vath has returned and wonders

says. "I can't tell you now what was

so frightening that I abandoned my children and my motherland."
The UN high commissioner for

refugees has repatriated nearly 100,000 Cambodian refugees, a third

of whom were liberated from dicta-

torial camps run by the Khmer Rouge. The repatriation part of the

peace plan is working reconciling and integrating Cambodians divid-

Sergio Viera de Mello, head of the United Nations' refugee pro-

gram in Cambodia, argues that the pact signed last year by the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia's Vietnamese-in-

stalled government and two other

"Let's acknowledge when the Khmer Rouge play by the rules," Mr. de Mello said. "We're allowed to

monitor the refugee return here

without any restrictions whatsoever.

They are free to start a new life."

The Khmer Rouge are giving up the people in their camps under

strong pressure from Thailand,

which wants all Cambodian refu-

goes to leave Thai territory. The

United Nations should take this

accurescence into account in the

fall when it weighs new sanctions

against the Khmer Ronge for their

failure to disarm and comply with

The Khmer Rouge have come a

nther aspects of the plan.

rebel groups is taking root.

ed during 20 years of warfare.

I made the wrong choice," she

why she ever fled.

But there are some doubts about the will of America to sustain such a large military presence in the longer term, given the disappearance of the-

the U.S. military presence substantially reduced by the late 1990s in South Korea and Japan. The center of gravity of U.S. forces would move to Hawaii, Alaska and the U.S. West Coast. America's interests would focus primarily on its strategic concerns in Northeast Asia

The United States would not move to check Chinese military ambitions in the South China Sea, while Japan would be encouraged by America to expand its military capabilities. Countries in Southeast Asia would be expected to do more for their own de-tense, and Australia would be pushed

to expand its military activities. But even in this scenarin the United States would retain a formidable capability to project power. Its ca-pacity to reinforce its presence would act as a deterrent.

A more optimistic scenario would see the United States largely retain its current level of military forces in the region once withdrawal from the Philippines is completed. U.S. con-cerns about North Korea and an awareness that the alliance with Japan is the keystone of strategic stabil-ity in the region would see Washing-

More Urgent Dangers Than Pol Pot

long way, considering that they signed the accord believing it would never get off the ground. In this light, the United Nations should

forgo sanctions for now and, with

the help of Thailand, pressure the rebels and other Cambodians to

solve problems greater than the

The peace framework has swept aside the old ideological contests

and reduced the Khmer Rouge to a

hollow version of its former self.

Fanatics without a cause, they are

losing people through the repatria-tion campaign and desertions. They are confined to a few wilderness

strongholds and oversee only 1 per-

country divided into zones to be

controlled by the four groups. It

lifted the severe international sanc-

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mediately powered an economic

transformation that has become a

mixed blessing.
After two decades of poverty, which went hand in hand with war

and Communist revolution, Cam-

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sions are behaving like rube busi-

nessmen, selling off resources in the

fief-like zones to the highest bidder.

Borders have become irrelevant

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pass freely, bringing in their capi-tal; from the east, poor Vietnamese

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laborers enter without visas.

The UN pact temporarily left the

cent of the population.

Khmer Rouge's intransigence.

SIEM REAP, Cambodia — For By Elizabeth Becker 13 years Vath Rosum lived in a

ton reduce its military presence by only about 10 to 12 percent. From an Asia-Pacific security per spective, it will be crucial for Ameri-

ca's close allies in the region - espe-

cially Japan, Australia and South Korea — to impress on Washington the importance of remaining engaged militarily in this part of the world. Why? Because U.S. trade interests in the Asia-Pacific region are now larger than with Europe, the U.S. alliance with Japan is a constraint on Japanese military expansion, and American power helps to counterbal-ance China, which has the region's largest military forces. A U.S. drawdown would also encourage a build-

up of regional military capabilities. China, Japan and India seem likely to increase their influence in the re-gion in the 1990s. This trend will be encouraged if the United States reduces its military presence too much.

China sees itself as the natural regional hegemon. Its sense of historical destiny and its culture, population size and military potential lend weight to this ambition. It has much more potential power than Japan or India. Beijing will be concerned to provent emergence of Japan as a regional military heavyweight. It also will seek to prevent a disintegrating former So-viet Union from infecting China's political stability and minority groups.

China will increasingly attempt to

Pot, the founder of the Khmer Rouge, freely imports some 50,000 foreign workers into his deserted but rich zones to gut Cambodia's gem mines and raze its forests.

The government in Phnom Penh, which controls the vast majority of

the country, sells timber, real estate

and banking concessions to the Thais. Vietnamese fishermen are raiding the spawning grounds of the great Toule Sap lake. Defores-

Sanctions against the Khmer

Rouge are not the answer to Cam-

bodia's problems and could back-

fire, allowing Pol Pot to continue

destroying the countryside outside

of UN control. Instead of isolating

the Khmer Rouge, the United Na-tions should make more peaceful

attempts to open up their zones.

The United Nations should con-

tinue the reconciliation of all Cam-

bodians, not the exclusion of one

group or another. Above all, it

should try to control the economy

and Cambodia's borders and put

Thailand on notice that a free mar-

ket does not include the wholesale

Eventually sanctions should be

considered to force the Khmer

Rouge to disarm. But for now Cambodia is in far greater danger

of becoming an economic and eco-

logical disaster than nf being

thrown back into chaos by Pol

The writer, author of "When the

War Was Over, A History of the

looting of a neighbor.

Pot's diminished army.

The plan failed to designate who would oversee the entire economy dia," contributed this comment to during this transition. Hence Pol The New York Times.

tation has become a real threat.

gain influence in Southeast Asia, which it sees as a natural area for expansion of its influence.

The key strategic question sur-rounding the future of China is whether communism will be overthrown. An unstable China erupting in turnoil would not be conducive to a peaceful Asia-Pacific region, and it might encourage China in the direction of external adventures. China is modernizing its military and develop-ing naval and air forces that will extend its strategic reach.

Japan shows little sign of moderating its military buildup, even though the Soviet threat no longer exists. It has long-established suspicions about the Rossians and is likely to retain substantial defensive forces against any regeneration of Russian military power. The proximity of the Russian Far East and the fact that Russia will continue to be the second-largest nuclear power in the world will make the Japanese cautious about hasty cuts in their defense expenditure.

Japan's navy and air force already are larger than those of Australia, New Zealand and the Association of South East Asian Nations combined. Japan's defense spending and its acquisition of major weapons systems, such as Aegis class cruisers from the United States, cause suspicion among Southeast Asian countries.
Its future defense buildup and the deployment patterns of its navy will be closely watched by other regional powers. China in particular will not

slow Japan to gain a military edge. India's economic and social problems seem likely to curtail its military ambitions. Nonetheless, it wants to be taken more seriously as the largest democratic country in the region. It fears China and seeks recognition as the precrainent power in the Indian Ocean. While developing more capa-ble naval and maritime reconnaissance forces, India is continuing to expand its ballistic missile potential,

although it is unlikely to use military forces outside its own neighborhood.
Still, it would be concerned should China expand its influence in the South China Sea and Southeast Asia. New Delhi may seek to develop military relations with the United States as a counterbalance to China. America may be tempted to help extend Indian military capabilities. This may worry smaller countries in the area. Russia will not be a major player in Asia-Pacific affairs. It will be chiefly preoccupied with domestic problems.

In this uncertain strategic climate, countries are likely to strengthen their military capabilities. Nuclear weapons proliferation is under way in China, North Korea, India and Pakistan. There is a risk that nuclear arms might be used in any future war between India and Pakistan. If the North Korean program to develop nuclear weapons is allowed to continue unchecked, it could prompt South Korea to embark on a similar program. A nuclear-armed Korean Peninsula would kindle apprehension in Japan about its nuclear vulnerability. Should Japan decide to do so, it could

quickly develop nuclear weapons.

Together with proliferation of nuclear weapons, ballistic missile technology is spreading to India, Pakistan and North Korea, Several Asian countries also have chemical and biological weapons. The spread of such weapons must not extend to Southeast Asia, which has so far remained free of weapons of mass destruction. Creation of a nuclear weapons-free zone in Southeast Asia contiguous to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone would be a useful initiative.

Many Asian countries are enhancing their conventional weapons. Advanced combat fighters and warships with modern missile systems are becoming commonplace. The risk is that such purchases could trigger a regional arms race.

An agreement, under United Nations auspices, for a register recording transfers of major items of military equipment to countries in Asia and the Pacific would build confidence and make arms purchases transparent

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: A Quarrel in Asia VIENNA - The outbreak of a quar-

rel between the Russians and Afghans in Central Asia, and the Ameer's appeal for assistance from India have attracted much attention in political circles in this capital. Innocent, as the new English Cabinet is, of events going on upon the borders of Afghanistan, it was only on faith of the probable result of the general elections in the United Kingdom that Russia launched into an enterprise she would not have ventured to emback upon but for the hope of a Liberal Ministry in office.

1917: Moscow Assembly PETROGRAD — The conference of

Russian associations opened today [Aug. 25] at Moscow. There will be two thousand delegates in attendance, including all members of the fourth Duma, and delegates from the Soviets of the soldiers and workers, the peasants, the municipalities, the

professions, the universities and schools, the industrial and commercial organizations, co-operative societies, landholders and from the front. The Russian Government has declared the character of the conference purely consultative, but it is thought generally that the decision can be modified if the government deems it necessary. The Provisional Government added that the Romanov family would be exiled before long.

1942: Duke of Kent Dies

LONDON — [From our New York edition:] The Duke of Kent, youngest brother of King George VI, was killed today [Aug. 25] in the crash of a Sunderland flying boat in northern Scotland while en route to Iceland on active service as on an extended on active service as on an extended on active service. active service as an air commodore. He was thirty-nine years old. The entire crew on the war-time mission died with him. The most air-minded of all the royal family, he was the first member of the British royal family to

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Remarketing Vintage Bush Is Unlikely to Do the Trick

By David S. Broder

WOODSTOCK, Georgia — The members of the White House advance team that set up President George Bush's visit to this Atlanta suburb the other day were probably sending a subtie message with the placement of his podium. It stood on the old-fashioned Main Street between store signs advertising "Jo's Vintage Resale" and the "New Image Hair Parlor."

Judging by the speeches Mr. Bush made on his first swing since the Republican convention, he is going to leave the "New Image Hair" trade to Bill Clinton and work on the "Virtage

From the Gulf Coast to the Ozarks and from Atlanta to Dallas, Mr. Bush preached "traditional values" more than

What about family values? Family values, yes, but in the end this election will be a referendum e the Lesser Er on the economy.'

> he proclaimed his "new" economic plan. He never failed to argue that Mr. Clinton and a Democratic Congress would run up spending and taxes. But he and his boosters seemed more intent on

seeding fear of the Democrats' morals.

The House minority whip, Newt Gingrich, told his Woodstock constituents in a pre-Bush warm-up speech that he had discovered a "Woody Allen plank" in the Democratic platform, which said "peo-ple," not "governments," raise children. Representative Gingrich found it sinister and significant, sort of Woody Allenlike, that the platform did not say "families raise children."

Well, the Bush folks were not sure they wanted to equate Bill Chinton with Woody Allen, so press secretary Marlin Fitzwater told reporters, "It's a free counrry. [Gingrich] can say what he wants. The president is running for president.

But Mr. Gingrich is not the only one who has been doing close textual analysis of the Democratic platform. Shortly after Mr. Fitzwater had done his sidestep, Mr. Bush was telling the fundamentalist faithful at the Religious Roundtable in Dallas: "I was struck by the fact that the other party took [thousands of] words to put together their platform, but left out three simple letters, G-O-D."

The next day, Mr. Clinton said he found it "deeply offensive" to suggest that he and his running mate, Al Gore, both churchgoing Baptsts, are leading a Godless band of Woody Allen freaks. But there you have it.

The Republicans, of course, have run on "values" issues in every election from 1968 through 1988, and usually with great success. But this is thin stuff, com-

pared to the Piedge of Allegiance and Willie Horton issues they used four years ago against Michael Dukakis. Like them or not, those issues were rooted in Mr. Dukakis's public record as governor bills he had vetoed, furlough programs he had endorsed. Last week's charges by Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Bush

were a reach - and a feeble one at that. More than that, they are a distraction from what everyone, including the Bush strategists, knows to be the central economic issues of the campaign.

That became obvious the day after Woodstock and Dallas when Mr. Bush

came to the Illinois State Fair, Illinois is as crucial and closely contested a state as you can find. Unemployment is 8.7 per-cent and the state budget picture is so desperate that the fair itself had to be cut short. Before Mr. Bush arrived, f asked Rich Williamson, the Republican candidate for the Senate and a veteran of the Reagan White House, what issues the president needed to address. His answer was not ethics but ethanol. Illinois farmers are up in arms, he said, because administration regulators are denying them a large potential market they could enjoy with wider use of the grain-based fuel. What about family values?, I asked.
"Family values, yes," Mr. Williamson
said, "but in the end this election will be

a referendam on the economy."

A dozen people I interviewed in the partisan crowd, many of them Republican patronage employees, agreed. Asked what they wanted to hear Mr. Bush talk about, every one of them mentioned jobs and the economy first — and "family values" only when prompted

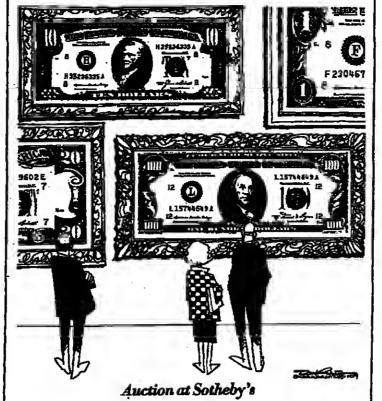
by the interviewer. Robert Powers, a white-collar worker from the Chicago suburb of Palatine, said he was leaning to Mr. Bush but "wanted more specifics." About what? "The Republicans talk about the impor-tance of exports," he said, "but I want him to say specifically what the world wants us to make, so we don't end up

just shipping jobs away."
What about family values? "Family values are very important," he said, "but both parties want family values. The only problem is when one side is not sive. As soon as you isolate some people as outside the family, like Pat Buchanan did with gays, or single mothers, you start losing the big picture." His wife, Jenniler, declared: "I liked what Barbara Bush said: Family values

are what you say they are."

In his speech, Mr. Bush disappointed Mr. Williamson by saying nothing about ethanol and Mr. Powers by saying nothing specific about exports. On the other hand, he also left out the bit about the Godless Democrats, and the next day in New Jersey and Connecticnt his message was jobs and job-training.

That's the only way the Republicans have a prayer of winning. The Washington Post.



Combat in the Gardens of the '90s

WESTON, Connecticut — I'll remember the summer of '92 as the time I discovered competitive gardening. While my husband makes his way through the complete works of Authory Trollope, I am reading back issues of Horticulture magazine with articles such as "Exotic and Hardy Emphorbias" and "How to Choose a Midsize Tiller."

In Fairfield County, the planting grounds of a large group of chronologi-cally advancing baby-boomers, garden-ing has become the newest area of combat. Worn out from years of waiting for an opening in their personal trainer's schedule, horticultural gladiators com-pete in the '90s arena of choice — the herbaceous border.

The '80s are over. They will be remembered as the haloyou time when you could throw a few codar chips around the arborvitae, set out the "patio pot" and retreat to the deck. Annuals (remember impatiens?) are

definitely ont; perennials are the flowers of choice for the serious plantsperson. Better vet, for those who want to scale the pinnacles of despair, are the punitive and putative biannuals — like those ter-rific blue delphiniums — beloved by painters and novice gardeners. Or consider the sterile wisteria: More person power has been spent getting these

By Shareen Blair Brysac

plants to bloom this year than in collecting signatures for Ross Perot petitions. In the land of competitive gardeners, Martha Stewart, the woman with the largest collection of Chelsea Flower Show trowels, is queen. A model for us all, Martha, with the help of a platoon of

MEANWHILE

local Heinzelmannchen (little eives who work at night when the photographers are not looking), dug up her driveway to plant a "longed for" lawn of thyme. Stewart, the overachiever's Vita Sack-

ville-West, has taught our generation the

language of flowers, or rather the lan-guage of flower persons. We extol the virtues of "companion planting" and while away our spare hours making 27-step compost. Follow-ing the philosophy of our Erdgeist Mar-tha, we loftily minimize our failures. After all, last year's weeds may be this

year's "ornamental grasses"; one person's gaping border is another person's "cnuing garden." And we never met a floral companion we didn't like, merely

tect freedoms of speech and the press (and religion) had political speech and content in mind. They could never have

envisioned, far less comprehend, what is

beamed at people today by what some call a "cultural elite." All freedoms in-

volve responsibilities, the abuse of

slogan term, which the interests that

promote pornography and violence in media hide behind to protect their re-

sponsibility-free "rights." Reasonable

restraints on the content of the enter-

tainment media either voluntary or im-

posed, are perfectly consistent with

will to win is worthless if you don't get paid for it" (Quotable, Aug. 12) is bi-zarre. It's enough to make any kid (ado-

lescent or adult) never play the game if it's not on a professional level. Unless

No.1 pastime and not its No.1 profes-

sion, which suggests that mere common-

mistaken, baseball is America's

ealthy democratic societies.

"Censorship" is a oew huzzword, a

which can endanger those freedoms.

In June, when friends on Long Island would tell me about their Memorial Day spent double-digging the Bridgehamp-ton loam. I one-upped them with details of how f spent the month moving the Eleven O'Clock Road glacial moraine. By July I was clearly in need of advice.

a tip or two on staking wilted pansies or rescuing mesclun from cutworms. To a feminist, the term "garden club" is a pejorative conjuring up "50s visions of indigo-haired dowagers. Still, in the hope of finding a mentor, I inquired at the resource center once known as our local fibrary. However, it seems that openings in the local garden club are as rare as blue

Himalayan poppies in parking lots.
The idea behind my summer endeavor was to achieve the effect known to the cognoscenti as the Gertrude Jekyli tracking shot, beloved by aficionados of Merchant and Ivory films such as "Howard's End" and "A Room with a View." Alas, in my garden the wide shot opens on the forsythia suspensa (formerly merchants) and the suspensa formerly merchants. merly weeping now wailing) espatiered with honeysuckle rampantsis. The cam-era pans right to the wild-grape theme

era pans right to the wild-grape theme park, moving back slowly over the hybrid crabgrass parterre grandiflora.

It hovers lovingly on the three zinnis ("Dreamland pink" — the name gives you some idea of the color, sort of early Elvis). Finally, we see close-up the "Caladium Clump," also pink, also a mistake, only partially remedied by being underplanted with gray Stachy's byzantina — lambs' ear to you.

The latter collage, however, makes me nostalgie for my youth, which was spent

nostalgie for my youth, which was spent not among the wild primroses of rural England but in the starker climes of the American West amid plastic flamingos. So you see it's not all a bed of General Jacqueminot roses in the cottage garden marathon. There are further downsides

to competitive gardening: macro-organ-isms and a dazzling array of predators. Nature, after all, is the ultimate competitor. Like those of n wine connoisseur displaying fine bottles, my own shelves contain an amazing assortment of pesticides and poison pellets. Remedies for white fly and weed-killers are discussed in conspiratorial tones.

It was my sister-in-law, now adding three seasons of alpine-rock gardening to her curriculum vitae as a writer and book packager, who suggested the con-summate weed-killer.

visions of a vastly toxic chemical unleashed by the best heads at Du Pont in tandem with the horticulturists at the Winterthur gardens in Delaware.

den. For writers, competitive gardening is an ideal pastime. Deadheading wildflowers is an even better way of procrastinating. Unlike your decorating mistakes, your floral failures don't haunt you you can always count on them to die.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Kurils Record Is Clear

Regarding "A Leftover Task for Japan and Russia" (Opinion, Aug. 21):

The Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Masamichi Hanabusa, ignores vital facts about Japan's claim to the two southern Kuril Islands of Etorofu and Kunashiri occupied by the Soviet Union in 1945. The record is clear: At the February 1945 Yalta confer-

ence, the United States promised the Kuril Islands, including Etorofu and Kunashiri, to the U.S.S.R. In August 1945, the United States specifically authorized Soviet occupation. • In the 1951 San Francisco peace

treaty, Japan renounced "all right, title and claim" to the Kuril Islands. On Oct. 19, 1951, the Japanese Foreign Ministry told the Japanese Diet that the Kuril Islands renounced by Japan included Etorofu and Kunashiri. If Japan wants to stake a legal claim

to this territory, the Foreign Ministry should release the various documents that prove how Japan was pressured by the Western Allies, including the United States, into renouncing Etorofu and Kunashiri in 1951. But the ministry refuses to do this. It

prefers to insist that Japan never re-nounced this "traditional territory." It says the Soviet occupation was "Illegal" and blames Soviet Cold War expansionism. In the process it badly weakens Japan's legal position. It also makes a Russian concession almost impossible since an agreement to return "traditional territory" would leave all postwar territorial ements open to review. Germany would be entitled to claim one third of Poland, for example, not to mention the

Katiningrad region of Russia. It was U.S., not Soviet, Cold War strategies that created the current dis-pute. For even as Masamichi Hanabusa seems to admit, it was the intervention by John Foster Dulles in 1956 that fres trated the territorial and peace treaty agreement Japan was on the verge of reaching with Moscow at that time. GREGORY CLARK.

The Price of Culture

Regarding "Batman, Quayle and the Missing Elite" (Meanwhile, Aug. 18): Bravo Richard Reeves! Bravo for hraving the slings and arrows of outrased political correctness. Of course, every society needs a "cultural elite." Not to "dictate" to the masses, but to raise its voice and offer alternatives to the abiquitous clamor of merchandising and commercialization.

Left to its own devices, big business would like to homogenize all consumer goods and services. That makes their sale and delivery more efficient, more cost effective, more profitable. The "one size fits all" product must be set at the lowest common denominator to reach the largest possible market in order to achieve the maximum efficiency and the maximum cost effectiveness. The financial success of McFood is used to promote the sales of McEntertainment, which in turn is used as product for McTelevision whose commer-

cials sell — you guessed it — McFood. In France we have a minister of culture. Some people love him, others hate him, but at least he can make himself heard. Can you imagine proposing an office such as that in the United States? RICHARD ROBERTS.

Do you think recipients of millions of dollars in charity from The Ronald Mo-Donald House look at their patrons as

sleazebags? McDonald's does not fit the diabolical image conjured up in the writ-er's anger over having been bamboozled by merchandisers and movie critics. Many people in the world, and an increasing number of Americans, worry not about the advertising value of Happy Meals but about where the next meal will come from. Many of these meals, medical services and other forms of aid will come

from charitable and philanthropic groups

that often are promoted and sponsored in

Hollywood and its media arms, elite or

not. They are not "bringing society down." They do, however, often pick up the pieces of a lot of shattered lives. MONICA LOWY.

Regarding "Pornography and Vio-lence; Jury's Still Out" (Health/Science, July 23) by Wendy Melillo:

America's Founding Fathers, who adopted the First Amendment to proers also play the game and get great enjoyment. Mr. Jackson should take an example from Europe's valiant rugby players who play the game for many a

year with an enormous will to win and

for little or no financial recompense. OLIVIER CHARDON.

JOHN A. MCVICKAR. Stowe, Vermont. **Just Playing the Game** "Winthur?" I repeated, conjuring up Reggie Jackson's comment that "the

"No," she said emphatically, "You know, Winter, as in Winter Kills Everything — weeds 'n' all."

There are many good reasons to gar-

And if you write about gardening check with the IRS: Your flops may be tax deductible.

The New York Times.

GENERAL NEWS

Victim Walks Free, but Mystery Persists

New York Times Service ORGOSOLO, Sardinia - His hair had been cropped, he had acquired a fear of rats and part of his left ear had been sliced away. But when Farouk Kassam, 8, was freed by kidnappers recently after 177 days of captivity, oot only his

family rejoiced. For once, in a land where organized crime increasingly seems to know no restraint, the Italian police said they had demonstrated the power of the state over lawlessness. And for once the people in villages like this on a barren Sardinian hillside said they had mustered the courage with protests and demonstrations to resist the bandits, as the Sicilians have started to do with the Malia on another Mediterranean

Yet, shortly after the boy's release, questions and discrepancies began to intrude. One central puzzle remains: Who really was responsible for Farouk's release?

Was it the authorities or, as most people here believe, Graziano Mesina, the "King of the Kidnappers"? He says he acted as an intermediary between the gang that took Farouk and the authorities that took credit for his freedom. The questions touch the core of mistrust that

people who govern in their name. This is the place that ftalian reporters had labeled "the capital of silence" because, as kidnapping took root in Sardinia in the 1960s, no one dared betray the hostage-takers among them. They still live in fear of them.

marks the relationship between Italians and the

Farouk was released last month after an ordeal that began six months earlier. Just before 8 P.M. on Jan. 15, three armed, masked men burst into the home of Farouk's parents, Ali Fatch Kassam, a Belgian hotel er of Lebanese descent, and his French wife, Marion Bleriot.

Once inside the villa at Porto Cervo, on the Costa Smeralda, they locked Farouk's sister, Nour Marie, 5, in a closet, forced the parents into a laundry room and made off with the boy. The reason they chose Faronk may have been

that his father belongs to the Ismaili sect of Islam, led by the wealthy Aga Khan, who bought a 55-kilometer (35-mile) stretch of the Costa Smeralda with five associates in the 1960s and turned it into a venue for the rich.

The boy's father says be does not have the Aga Khan's kind of money, but in response to a \$9 million ransom demand, the authorities froze the family's assets and ordered a ban on

press reporting of the kidnapping.

As the boy's father, the police and family friends have pieced together the still incomplete story, Farouk was held at first in houses, then in caves and other mountain hideouts.

The kidnapping was attributed to a little-known organization called Sequestri Anonimi—the Anonymous Kidnappers—not to ftaly's main organized crime gangs. It fitted a gruesome pattern in Sardinia and other dispossessed places such as Reggio Calabria on the fulian mainland. Since 1960, 178 people have been kidnapped on the island. Sardinia has been transformed into a kind

of Wild West," said Valentino Martelli, a Sar-dinian nationalist in the Italian parliament. "Then, they cut scalps. Today, they cut a child's

What marked Farouk's kidnapping was the wave of revulsion it inspired. Children staged demonstrations to call for his release. People hung bed sheets from their windows to signal support for him. Shops filled their windows to signal support for him. Shops filled their windows with signs saying, "Free Farouk." In Rome, Pope John Paul II appealed for his release.

The revulsion deepened on June 16 when a priest from this village, the Reverend Luigino Monni, received an anonymous telephone call

guiding him to a milestone on a remote moun-tain road. There he found a package containing a part of Farouk's ear, a photograph of the boy and a letter warning the parents that be would be cut to pieces unless the ransom was paid.

That event more than any other seemed to galvanize the authorities. The Rome government announced a plan to send 4,500 troops to the island. The police bunt was intensified, and for the first time Mr. Mesina was given official permission to come to Sardinia from his home in northern Italy, where he is under house arrest as part of a life sentence for kidnappings in the

The Italian police chief, Vincenzo Parisi, says Farouk was freed at 25 minutes past midnight on July 11, as a ring of 300 law enforcement officers closed on his captors and they aban-

Mesina had called Italian television to say the boy was free. By Mr. Mesina'a account, be appointed the intermediary who received Fa-

says be did not play a role at the vital moment of his son's release.

who spoke in return for anonymity, reflecting a

paid by the state" The figure mentioned in most such accounts is around \$2 million. None of the kidnappers

And that is where the versions begin to di-

But at just after 11 P.M. the night before, Mr.

Farouk's father acknowledges some unspecified involvement by the former kidnapper, but

That is not the way it plays here.
"It's an insult to the intelligence to think that
Mesina was not involved," said a teacher here

pervasive fear of the kidnappers.

While the authorities insist no ransom was paid, the schoolteacher said, "The village thinks the worst: that the ransom was paid and was



NO FAREWELL TO ARMS - A kiss from a well-wisher marked the 19th anniversary of General Augusto Pinochet as Chilean commander in chief. The general handed over national leadership in 1990 to President Patricio Aylwin but retained the army post.

Opposition Steps Up Pressure on Collor

An estimated 150,000 Brazilians

ers said a new report from lawmakers proves that President Fernando
Collor de Mello is unfit to hold
office, and they pressed the campaign for his impressed ment.

An extraction of the report, prepared by a congressional committee, that accused Mr. Collor of abusing his office for financial gain and allowing an influence-peddling scheme to operate inside his government.

poured into the streets of Rio de duced the report will vote on its laneiro on Monday to demand that conclusions Wednesday. The re-Mr. Collor be impeached, the auport is expected to be supported by thorities said.

The 22-member panel that pro-

The mass protest followed the

BRASILIA — Opposition lead- release of the report, prepared by a neiro, led by the state's governor, Leonel Brizola of the Social Democratic Party, turned out chanting and waving signs with anti-Collor

Some demanded that the presi-dent be arrested, along with his friend and 1989 campaign treasurer, Paulo Cesar Farias, whom the panel asserted had set up the illegal network, allegedly collecting kick-

backs and channeling millions of dollars into accounts controlled by Collor family members and aides. Dozens of other anti-government rallies are planned, and oppo-sition leaders believe the campaign

> to abandon him.
> The president, who has denied wrongdoing and said that he would not step down before his term ends in 1995, is to respond to the corruption charges in a televised speech later this week. His spokesman, Etevaldo Dias, called the report, which was issued on Monday, a "political work."

will press Mr. Collor's supporters

The Brazilian Bar Association has said it would move to impeach the president based on the congres-

sional panel's findings.

By mid-September, the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Congress, is expected to convene to vote on the admissibility of the motion. Although Mr. Collor's defenders are expected to throw up legal roadblocks, Ibsen Pinheiro, president of the Chamber of Deputies, has repeatedly said in recent days that a vote on the president'a

impeachment is "inevitable." To survive the vote, the president needs the support of one-third of the 503 deputies. So far, half of the deputies have said they will vote for impeachment.

On Monday, the Social Demo-cratic Party and the Democratic Labor Party, which together hold about 80 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, announced that they would abandon the government. Only 34 legislators have said they would vote against impeachment.

A Continent's Perpetual Refugees: Misery of Latin American Indians

By Nathaniel C. Nash

New York Times Service INGENIERO JACOBACCI, Argentína - It had snowed about to knee level wasteland, home to 22 Mapuche Indian

burning stove in their dirt-floor adobe Europeans, tribes in Latin America But prospects for redress seem remote wife and their two sons around a woodhut, sipping mate, a tealike drink.

Mr. Cona was speaking of governmentpromised firewood that never seems to arrive and about his inability even to

sick. We are alone." Such pessimism could be repeated by America many Indians throughout Latin America.

cultures, religions and languages are un- Chilean city of Terruco, a Mapuche lead- better than rural bliss."

Five hundred years after the arrival of ment and to refrain from voting.

that of Indians to the north. "In the United States there is at least a arrive and about his manning water, imagine that electricity, running water, imagine that electricity, running water, it is in needed," said Edgardo Bujaryistelevision and automobiles could ever be to it is needed," said Edgardo Bujaryistelevision and automobiles could ever be to it is needed," said Edgardo Bujaryistry to bring native groups into mainqui, the mayor of Ingeniero Jacobacci, 55
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These people in the Atraino stream society, saying that attempts to insert of the Atraino sense of guilt, just does not exist in Latin

From the Sierra Madre of Mexico to southern Patagonia, many of the 30 million indigenous people are living in a kind of permanent refugee status.

That is not going to go back to varies from country to country. Brazil Europe is so strong that the needs of and Venezuela, for example, have created native groups are all but ignored.

"The policies of governments have reclaim territory and challenge existing whose lands had been invested by miners.

"The policies of governments have reclaim territory and challenge existing always and government policies.

"That is not going to happen. What they but such moves come generally only after pain," said Eugolio Frites, a Kolla Indian

Secundino Cona, 65, a Mapuche with a der constant pressure from the Westerner was jailed recently for calling on Indisquare, weathered face, huddled with his ized world.

ans to refuse to pay taxes to the governans to refuse to pay taxes to the govern- Indians by allowing their cultures to van-

ans suspended in the past. "There is what f call the National Geo- and difference within that world."

isolated in remote mountain areas, their creating their own nation, and in the ample, as bad as life might be, is 10 times ganizations.

Others say it is absurd to talk of saving

scrabble out an existence far bleaker than in light of Latin America's economic that Indian groups should be frozen in problems, and that raises the question of time from the benefits that can be gotten whether Indian cultures on the margins of from national society, such as education sense of shame about how you treated the society can continue to survive on their and health care," said Ted Macdonald,

Although life for the Mapuche is grim, graphic approach here, a ridiculous hope The plight of Latin American Indians whites with bloodlines firmly anchored in work force.

prominent aboriginal populations, such as Colombia and Bolivia, Indians have become well enough organized that they "None of us are necessarily advocating have succeeded in gelting favorable laws passed and getting members of their tribes elected to congress.

In some of the countries with more

part of daily life.

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maintaining a sense of their own identity And there are countries such as Peru, while those closer to cities may have a where the political control exercised by large number of people in the broader

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common in some tribes in the Amazon. In the Peruvian highlands there is a growing addiction to cocaine derivatives, a dangerous step beyond the coca-leaf chewing that has been Indian practice for centu-Government officials here estimate the

In Mexico, most citizens have some per-capita income of the Mapuche at less ociety can continue to survive on their and health care," said Ted Macdonaid, projects director at Cultural Survival, a Indian ancestry and greatly prize their than \$500 a year. Measuring the income Indian heritage. But that does not often of many Indians is nearly impossible, spill over into efforts to protect the lands since the majority live on subsistence.

Iraq Pulls Planes Out of 'No-Fly' Zone

Move Is Regarded as Evidence That Saddam Expects Showdown With West

By Robin Wright Los Angeles Times Service
WASHINGTON — Anticipaling a U.S. announcement of a "no-"ly" zone over southern Iraq, President Saddam Hussein has ordered are withdrawal of all fixed-wing traqi warplanes deployed below the 32d parallel, U.S administra-

tion sources say. The operation, launched over the weekend, coincided with attacks by Iraqi ground troops and helicopter gunships against Shiite rebel posi-tions in the southern marshlands,

into Monday, when Mr. Saddam also dispatched three cabinet ministers to southern Iraq to drum up support from Shiite leaders, while his press went on the offensive against the U.S.-led coalition.

The Iraqi moves offered the first

lieves a showdown is unavoidable and is taking steps to prepare for it. President George Bush is expected to announce that the United States, France and Britain will use air power to force Mr. Saddam to a U.S. admiral aboard the carrier

The military assault continued lutions, and to shoot down Iraqi planes flying below the 32d paraf-

The announcement was expected Tuesday, but was delayed for further consultation with Arab allies, American officials said. An administration official said the announceindication that Mr. Saddam be- ment was now anticipated no later than Wednesday.

[Iraqi warplanes that defy the proposed no-fly zone will probably be shot down without warning, Reuters reported Tuesday, quoting comply with United Nations reso- Independence in the Gulf.

Don't Take Advantage of Situation In Southern Iraq, U.S. Warns Iran

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The United States has warned iran not to try to take advantage of the Western plan to protect the Shiites in southern Iraq from Iraqi air strikes, American officials said.

The administration's message was transmitted reently through a third party, the officials said, Diplo-:: atic communications are normally relayed through the Swiss Embassy. Iran did not respond.

Washington's willingness to establish and enforce an allied ban on traci flights appears to be based in part on an expectation that the Shiites of southern iraq are not tools of the Iranians and that Iran will not try to exploit the allied intervention.

American officials said the message to Tehran did not mean that the administration was seeking to improve relations with Iran, but it raises the possibility that a form of tacit cooperation might evolve between Washington and Tehran.

Signals have been sent to the Iranians that this 'nofly zone' is not an opportunity to make mischief or take advantage of the situation," an American official said of the plan to protect the Shiites in Iraq's south by tranning Iraqi flights in the area. While the communication is said to have contained general language about the objectives of the allied mission the message to the Iranians was clear, the official added.

Iran has been the principal outside supplier of arms to the Shiite rebels in southern Iraq, and some experts have voiced concern that the ban on Iraqi flights south of the 32d parallel could lead to the de facto partitioning of Iraq and the expansion of Iranian influence in

"The air exclusion zone raises the risk that Iran may try to fill the vacuum," said Laurie Mylroie, an expert on Arab politics at the Washington Institute of Near

Some administration officials assert such concerns are overdrawn. They say the Shiites are seeking an end to repression and a greater voice in Iraqi affairs, not an independent state with strong links to Tehran.

Many of the Shiites fighting the Iraqis in the south-ern marshes, these administration officials say, are deserters from the Iraqi military who are using Iraqi military equipment and who may have fought against Iran during the Iran-Iraq war.

The disclosure of the message to Tehran comes as the American military prepared to join British and French aircraft in policing the air-exclusion zone in

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nario plays out the way it is envisged now they would be given an adequate warning by diplomatic notice not to fly in that particular area," Rear Admiral Brent Bennitt said. To me that would be suffi-cient warning. I wouldn't anticipate any warning shots."]

The exclusion zone would cover roughly the southern third of Iraq. including marshlands sheltering Shiite Muslim groups who fled after Iraqi forces crushed their rebellion following the Gulf War.

Administration sources said the zone was expected to go into effect within 24 hours of the announce-

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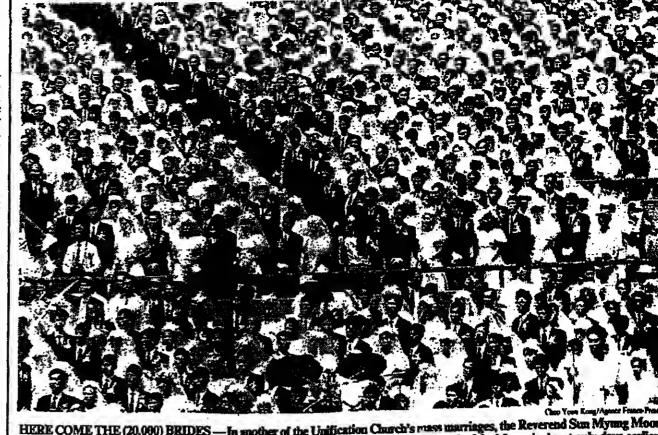
Iraq said Tuesday that a delay in the announcement of an exclusion zone was due to its strong resistance, Reuters reported from Bagh-

"Owing to the reality and strength of the Iraqi stand, the West has been compelled to delay plans to declare an exclusion zone," said Al Qadissiyah, the De-fense Ministry newspaper.

We will crush the conspiracy against the unity of Iraq's territory and people," it said.

Several Arab states are concerned that renewed bostilities could result in the formal or de facto partitioning of Iraq to include separate Kurdish and Shiite zones, which could in turn destabilize other Gulf states.

Kuwait, which Iraq still claims as its 19th province, is the only Arab country that has publicly support-ed the new action. Saudi Arabia and Egypt, key allies of the West, have been silent. Syria, Jordan, Yemen, Sudan and Algeria are op-



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In Last Tiananmen Trial, Writer Freed

BELIING - In the last political trial related to the Tiananmen Square democracy movement, China on Tuesday sentenced an influential economist to three years in prison for counterrevolutionary crimes and then released him

Wu Jiaxiang, 37, a theorist who was detained on July 17, 1989, was allowed to return home after his sentence was read out to a courtroom, a family member said. Mr. Wu was jailed for five weeks more than his official jail term, and one of the reasons appears to be that officials wanted to end the three-year series of Tiananmen political trials by allowing the last person tried to walk away from his sentencing a free

"This is the last trial," said John T. Kamm, an American businessman and human rights activist who met this week with justice and police officials. They wanted to close it with a

Officials told Mr. Karom that all Chinese who were detained in connection with the Tisnanmen Square democracy movement have now been tried and that a handful of other Chinese prisoners also have been released recently. Mr. Wu was a senior researcher at the Communist Party Central Committee general office and was held in Qincheng Prison, where he was allowed to read but not to write.

He was charged with counterrevolutionary incitement and propagands. Mr. Wu did not actively participate in the protests, although he is believed to have been accused of writing a set of "counterrevolutionary" slogans that were

used in the demonstrations. A native of a remote village in Anhui Province, Mr. Wn grew up in the countryside, and his mother starved to death in a famine in 1960. After the Cultural Revolution, he attended

of the "brain trust" of young intellectuals sur-rounding the Communist Party leader, Zhao Ziyang. He wrote several important policy speeches and a book on the theory of Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader. He was close to General Wang Rmilin, Mr. Deng's chief of

"He's one of them," said a Chinese journal-"And they think he betrayed them."

There have been reports that Mr. Wn also suffered from mental breakdowns, and the family member contacted Tuesday suggested that

Mr. Wu would need some rest to recuperate mentally from his ordeal.

Mr. Wu was a close associate of Bao Tong. the former political secretary of the Politburo. who was sentenced last month to seven years in

The government also told Mr. Kamm that it had released Zhu Jianbin, a 37-year-old dissident who had been imprisoned for 11 years because of his involvement in the Democracy Spring movement that began in 1978. Mr. Zhu, a steelworker who edited a pro-democracy journal called "The Bell Tolls," was detained in 1981, and virtually nothing has been heard of him since then.

Officials told Mr. Kamm that Mr. Zhn was tried and sentenced in April 1981 to six years in prison for counterrevolutionary incitement. They said he broke prison regulations when he assaulted someone in a brawl and then had his sentenced increased by "several years."

Another dissident, Hou Xiaotian, said Tuesday that she had been released after four days of questioning about her plans to protest on behalf of her imprisoned husband. Ms. Hou said she was released Sunday.

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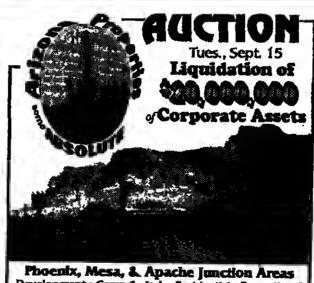
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The Long Run Of Bobby Short, Saloon Singer

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ARIS — Bobby Short, the debonair singer-pianist of Man-hattan's night scene, is taking a breather on the Riviera this month. Short, who has a house in Mougins, said during a stop in Paris, "Whenever the opportunity allows I head

Last spring his silver anniversary at the Cariyle Hotel in New York was celebrated by his friends and fans. For two and a half decades he has reigned as star of the hotel's cabaret, its walls displaying Ludwig Bemelmans's fancaful paintings. Among the devotees of Short's sessions have been the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Jacqueline Onassis, Gloria Swanson, Gloria Vanderbit and others probably less known, but no less enthusiastic. His engagement at the Cariyle surpasses the longest runs of Broadway hits.

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Like many prominent New Yorkers, he is not a son of the city. He hails from Danville, Illinois. Short was born there in 1924, and his 1971 book — "Black and White Baby" — records the history of the town, his memories of it in the Depression years of the 1930s, and his entrance into show business as a child performer.

Bobby Short was the ninth of 10 children. Both of his parents had a share of musical talent. His father, a miner from Kentucky, could oblige at the church organ and his mother, who had piano training sang hymns and Victor Herbert.

Short was a prodigious child. At the age of 5 he had mastered the keyboard. Soon he was the virtuoso of church and school festivities. A wealthy family befriended him, welcoming him to their home to join their children at play and insisting that he practice on the mellow Knabe in their drawing room.

"That was my entrée into a brand new sphere," he remembers. "I'd seen low life in Danville, at the piano in bars and roadhouses, but the Gibsons introduced me to high life. They showered me with kindness, enthusiasm and encouragement. Within a few weeks I'd been presented to their circle as their built-in entertainment."

Talent scouts descended on his mother, besecting her to permit her 11-year-old son to come to Chicago, where he could make his fortune on the stage. For his Chicago debut, in 1936, he was issued a costume of white tails and carefully arranged his program for anditions. After a season in Chicago and neighboring cities, he went on to New York, where he was often on the same bill with Louis Armstrong, Art Tatum, Ethel Waters and Fats Waller,

Then, after almost two years in the feverish scramble of cabaret and vaudeville performing, Short, at 13, retired from the stage to complete high school in Danville. On graduation he contemplated college, but the call of performing was the stronger power.

He was eager to visit Europe and when entertaining at a Los Angeles café he met David Stein, then managing the affairs of MCA in France, Stein, an amateur pianist, arranged a contract with the Mars Club in Paris, where theatrical notables gathered after the theater. Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday and Hazel Scott, often on European tours, made the Mars Club their haunt.

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"Paris was the place to be in the '50s, but after a year at the Mars and at Spivy's I thought it was time to go home," he said. "I'm essentially an American performer. New York is the place for me." He defines his profession as a "saloon singer" and intends to give that title to a book he is writing about his adult career. There have also been a revue he produced in New York, "Black Broadway," and his appearance in a British film, "Blue Ice," with Michael Caine.

For several years he has been devoted to a project of which he is proud: the construction of a monument to Duke Ellington. The result will be a bronze statue near Central Park where Harlem begins. The unveiling is to take place this fall.



From left, Corraface (Columbus), Brando (Torquemada), Ward (Isabella) and Selleck (Ferdinand) in "Discovery."

Christopher Columbus': The Bomb

By Vincent Canby

EW YORK — "Christopher Columbus: The Discovery," produced by the same wags who brought us "Superman: The Movie" and "Santa Claus: The Movie," is not quite a nonstop hoot, but it is pretty funny far more often than

Surprisingly little is known about Columbus and his life. Yet the filmmakers' imaginations seem to have fallen over the edge when they place Tomas de Torquemada, Spain's most notonious inquisitor, on the quay to wave his pudgy little hand at the departing Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria. Torquemada? Shouldn't he be pulling out the fingernails of heretics instead of attending bon voyage parties?

This Torquemada could have dropped in from a lost Jerry Lewis movie. He doesn't look quite real. Though he is strangely familiar, it's not easy to recognize him. Then you have it. The nearly round, evilly smiling face is that of the man in the moon. A spitting image, really. The effect is emphasized by the fact that the head seems unattached to the body below it. It's as if the face of the man in the moon had been perched on a great gray cassock, which serves as a sort of mobile plinth.

Another shock is to come. The actor playing Torquemada turns out to he the great Marion Brando. Torquemada doesn't have a great deal to do with Columbus's epic voyage of 1492, but he was a significant force of his time. In considcration of this, and of the salary Brando was receiving to play a bit role in an early sequence, the producers probably thought it was little

enough to ask that Brando also appear for a couple of minutes in a seaside crowd scene.

"Christopher Columbus: The Discovery" is that kind of movie: expensive, sloppy and, at its most ambitious, a frail reminder of the Warner Brothers swashbucklers that Michael Curtiz used to turn out with Errol Flynn. George Corraface, who resembles a robust, healthy Al Pacino, plays Columbus as a fellow who smiles a lot, has a set of extremely white teeth, en-chants the ladies and is handy with a sword.

The team-written screenplay, directed by John Glen and credited to John Briley and Cary Bates and Mario Puzo (the last two conjunc-tions are apparently called for by their con-tracts), cannot sustain the film's swashbuckling aspirations. A certain amount of historical scene-setting is necessary, all of which is dead wood. Tom Selleck and Rachel Ward, who appear as Ferdinand and Isabella, behave like a couple who have become separated from their Mardi Gras float.

■ Comic-Book Costume Epic

Rita Kempley of The Washington Post wrote: When Marlon Brando makes his entrance in the bloated epic we know how Ahab must have felt when he first laid eyes on Moby Dick. Swathed in clerical robes that wardrobe doubt-less made from the mainsail, Brando would have been better cast as the Niña. He is that wooden.

Glen, the director of the last five "007" pictures, apparently put in most of his marine miles making "Octopussy." He has managed to bring a dead calm to what is meant to be an oldfashioned swashbuckler, despite a frisky performance by Corraface. A newcomer who was set to star in the late David Lean's "Nostromo,"

the dashing Corraface scampers about the San-ta Maria as if it were the HMS Pinafore.

Puzo, who collaborated with the producer, Ilya Salkind, on both "Superman" movies, wrote the screenplay with Briley of "Gandhi" and Bates of Salkind's TV series "Superboy." No wonder it plays like a cross between a comie book and a costume epic.

This Christopher Columbus is a superman who did what he did for the glory of God. When the sailors aren't sleeping, praying, whining or poking small holes in the ship, they are singing sea chantey versions of "Gloria in excelsis deo." God, bless him, responds by striking the ship with lightning.

M Almost Totally Incorrect

Peter Rainer of the Los Angeles Times said: It's a good thing that Ridley Scott's "1492" is coming out later this year, because the Columbus movie we've got now is nothing to build a national holiday around.

It's not politically correct. It's also not cinematically correct, humanly correct or histori-cally correct. With one possible exception: The reconstructed versions of the Niña. Pinta and Santa Maria look pretty correct - more so at least than the actors who sail them. This is the kind of period film where Captain Pinzon of the Pinta can talk about "a bitch of a wind" coming up and nobody thinks anything of it. Columbus may have discovered the New World, but Pinzon was way ahead on slang.

Most of the dialogue, though, is anything but slangy. The actors are required to bend their mouths around quasi-biblical locutions that summon up one's worst experiences at "King of Kings" and "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

Freshening Up 'Winter's Tale'

'Acapulco' Lacks Intensity

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - A box office manager at Stratford's Royal Shakespeare The-atre once divided the Bard into "sensible plays" (i. c. "Hamlet," "Romeo and Juliet, "Twelfth Night"), which could reasonably he expected to form queues at his window no matter how bad the season, and then the "silly" plays, high on which list he put "The Winter's Tale."

True, it does have a 16-year generation gap in the middle and the infamous stage direction "Exit, pursued by a bear." But most artisic directors at Stratford now tackle it sooner or later, and it is to Adrian Noble's credit that he has taken it on in his second season, with a production that radically shifts the power base of the play itself.

This is usually seen to be Sicilia. where the action opens with Leontes's literal fatal attack of jealousy over his wife and Polixenes; fatal in that it leads indirectly to the death of his son, Mamillius, and the end of all future happiness at court. Sicilia too is where the action closes, with the statue of Hermione coming to life and all lovers reunited,

But it is the middle section of the play, Bohemia with its eternal harvest festival, that usually causes directors the most trouble as they hasten through its rustic improbability on the way back to the comparatively safe academic and classical havens of Sicilia. Not here. Here, Adrian Noble turns the whole Bohemian sequence into a vast celebration of the British countryside.

Heavily influenced by the painter Stanley Spencer, the celebrations of Autolycus and Florizel and Perdita and the shepherds seem designed to remind us at some length that Shakespeare was a Warwickshire village lad who had, by the time of the writing of "The Winter's Tale" around 1610, already given up the London life and returned to his childbood roots in Stratford itself. The other great advantage of this bucolic pastoral fete is that it disguises some distinctly lightweight casting in the central roles.

Neither John Nettles as Leontes, nor Samantha Bond as Hermione, have the gravitas or the sheer Shakespearean experience to bring off the Sicilian scenes with any real weight or depth of character, so with the fate of their marriage or the reasons for Leontes's incomprehensible jealousy.

But once we get out into the open air of Bohemia, the company at last thers confidence and character: This is in fact a bollohemia, full of wandering vagrants like Richard McCabe's manie one-man-band Autolycus, 2 street entertainer on

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the make with the property of others. Back at court, only Benjamin Whitrow as the faithful Camillo, later to be found wandering around Bohemia clutching a camera and looking like a tourist who has signed up for the wrong package poliday, and Gemma Jones as a bossy Paulina, manage to convey much of the strength of feeling that underlines one of Shakespeare's most complex and at the same time diffident texts.

N such moments as he has to spare between careers as an actor, dramatist, producer and director, Steven Berkoff is a notable if very occasional arts journalist, and his new play at the King's Head needs to be considered in that light. At about 70 min-utes, "Acapulco" is not so much a drama as a chapter of his autobiography, concerned with a time when be found himself in Mexico whiling away location hours at a bar on call to Sylvester Stallone as the heavy in

a Rambo movie,
Berkoff, like other expatriate actors before him, rapidly assesses the Faustian bargain with the movies;
"Hollywood," said Clive Brook as long ago as 1933, "is a chain gang, and we lose the will to escape. The links of our chain are forged not of cruelties but of huxuries: We are pelted with orchids and roses; we are overpaid and underworked."

Sixty years later, the characters in 'Acapulco" come to much the same conclusion; assembled in a hotel bar on location is a rough gathering of bit players and extras, and a tran-sient hooker ("a vagina attached to a life-support machine," as one of them elegantly defines her) all there to give voice to Berkoff's rambling thoughts on the off-screen lives of international moviemakers. There have been better plays on this sub-ject, but Berkoff in his present vein is going for moody, fragmentary impressionism in a series of interior monologues with no real dramatic that we are never much concerned

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MEDIA MARKETS

NBC Misses Brass Ring At the Barcelona Olympics

By Bill Carter New York Times Service

EW YORK - NBC executives describe the results of the EW YORK — NBC executives describe the results of the octwork's more than \$600 million investment in the 1992 Summer Olympics as a "tolerable loss" that they hope will be mitigated by gains the network may make in programs promoted extensively during the beavily watched Olympics.

"In light of the things we hope will see some benefit because of how ell the Games did, we're saying we had a tolerable loss," said Robert Wright, president of NBC.

But executives at CBS, who say the rival U.S. network broke even its coverage of the winter games from France, have concluded that e long-held belief that the Olympics can provide intangible benefits would the actual revenue they

youd the actual revenue they ocrate is a dubious proposim. This, they say, may affect w much the networks are willg to pay for Olympic rights. Estimates of how much NBC st oo the Barcelooa Olympics

'We're saying we had a tolerable loss.

ve ranged from \$40 million to
06 million. NBC executives denied the high-end estimates.
During the Games, which gave NBC two weeks of unusually high
tings, the network extensively promoted its lineup of programs.
Special attention went to two returning NBC shows, "Seinfeld"
d "Blossom," which introduced new episodes the week after the imes ended, and two series the network has placed in its Sunday

Perhaps NBC's highest hopes centered on gaining some momen-m for its evening oewscast, which has languished behind ABC

d CBS.

Steve Friedman, executive producer of "NBC Nightly News," d predicted a "bump" for the newscast coming out of the ympics, much like the one he has said lifted the "CBS Evening ws" after the Winter Olympics.

But from the early post-Olympic indications, the payoff for the 3C Olympic promotions has been mixed at best.

NBC's newscast still finished in third place the first week after: Olympics. But Mr. Friedman pointed to improvement, especial-with younger male viewers.

Other NBC news executives say they believe the promotional refits of the Olympics may be limited and probably cannot interact more potent factors affecting news ratings, such as the ength of local news programs at affiliated stations.

Fall in Consumer Confidence Adds Pressure on Wall Street

By Lawrence Malkin nternational Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - The confidence of American consumers in the nation's economic prespects weakened this month, the Conference Board reported Tuesday, depressing the stock market as much as, if not more than, the falling dollar.

The August reading in the business research group's monthly survey showed a drop of about 3 points, to 58, following an 11-point collapse in July. The index now is at its lowest since March and has fallen 20 points since June.

This news "whacked" the stock market when it was released half an hour after the opening said Trude Latimer, strategist at Wayne, Grayson Capital Corp. The Dow Jones industrial average opened 5 points higher on short-covering, then dropped 9 points on the confidence figures and a weak dollar. It seesawed during the morning and closed 4.05 points higher, at 3,232.22.

A glimmer of good news from the housing mar-ket had virtually no effect. Sales of existing homes rose 3.9 percent in July, largely on sliding mort-gage rates after the Federal Reserve Board cut interest rates early in the month erest rates early in the month.

Auto sales also rose slightly in mid-Angust, to an estimated 6.2 million annual rate, but this was still below production rates planned for this quarter. The Conference Board report gave little hope

that the consumer could spark a recovery. Consumers' assessments of their present situation and their expectations for the future declined by about 3 points. About 12 percent said they feared their earnings would decline in the next half-year, the nighest proportion since Fehruary.

Even though the August loss was moderate, compared with previous declines, the index stood at a low level historically, reflecting a lackluster economy, said Fabien Linden, executive director of the Board's Consumer Research Center.

"The promise of a business recovery, which was suggested by markedly improved confidence readings in the spring, has all but withered away," he said. "There now appears to he scant likelihood of any significant quickening in the pace of economic months in the months abend." growth in the months ahead."

Analysts disagreed on just how much this weighed on the market in comparison to the fall of the dollar.

Ms. Latimer said the dollar was only one of several factors pushing down stocks, the principal one being the gloomy outlook for the economy and lower profit forecasts by business.

"People are simply afraid of the market," she said, arguing that the drop of more than 40 points on Friday was exaggerated by program trading in a See CONFIDENCE, Page 10

In Europe, Going Down Rate and Currency Worries Weigh on Stocks

LONDON - European equity markets took a beating on Torsday, and one British analyst glumly attributed the latest sell-off simply to "the usual

With the notable exception of Germany, the market-wreckers are much the same across Europe — interest-rate worries, a limp economies, a weak national curren-ey and the fall of the dollar. "The whole of Europe is

falling out of bed with a vengeance," said Mark Tinker, an equities strategist with Kleinwort Benson.

The European section of the International Herald

Tribune World Stock Index, which is based oo dollar values of component stocks, fell 1.34 percent. Among the subindexes for national markets, based on local currencies, Frankfurt (off 1.69 percent), London (1.42 percent) and Paris (1.16 percent) all registered sizable

In many ways, the rise of the European currencies against the dollar has reopened old wounds. Many analysts point oot that Britain is hardly alone in facing high interest rates and the prospect that they may have to get higher still if currencies are to be defended. Italy, France and others now face similar threats. "Whose fault is that?" asked Jerry Evans, a market strategist with County NatWest. "It is the Germans'

fault and the fault of the ERM and of Maastricht." The rise in what might be called anti-European sentiment was reflected by four polls published Tuesday in Paris, showing that an increasing number of

French voters now oppose the Maastricht Treaty on an economic and monetary union for the European Community that is scheduled to come to a referendum in France on Sept. 20. Still, of the four polls, only one showed a majority opposed to the treaty. Investors across the Continent have been consumed with interest on the outcome of the French vote in recent weeks.

If the vote were to go against the treaty, it is widely expected that there would be a shake-up of the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism, possibly allowing a de facto devaluation of the weaker currencies such as the lira and the pound. Analysts note that if Maastricht is undone, the EC

nations, deprived of the goal of ultimate economic union, would be freer to pursue their own economic strategies. "Central banks would feel freer to stimulate their economies since they would not have to kowtow to the German Bundesbank," said Chris Taylor, head of equities for Fuji Finance Ioternational. With the future of the Maastricht accord up for

grabs in France and the dollar still falling, there is no wonder that European equity markets have been both volatile as well as "suicidally thin," as one trader put it. In London, daily volume of shares has fallen to £700 million from upwards of £1 billion a day earlier in the year.

"Nobody is going to get a medal for doing anything in this market before September 20th," Mr. Tinker said. In fact, even after Maastricht has been resolved See EUROPE, Page 11

Oslo Takes the Helm of UNI Storebrand

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

OSLO - State anthorities took over the running of UNI Storebrand A/S on Tuesday to stave off a collapse after Norway's biggest insurer suspended payments to creditors.

To ensure the interests of policyholders, the Finance Ministry has set the holding company UNI Storebrand A/S under public administration," Finance Minister Sigbjorn Johnsen said. He said the ministry appointed three state representatives to run the holding company, which had been facing a liquidity crunch after the collapse of UNI Storebrand's effort to cre-

ate a pan-Nordic insurance group. The ministry also set up a new company to acquire the assets of the holding company and to run UNI's insurance business. Norges Bank, Norway's central bank, will supply any occided liquidity to the new company.

With this, the problems that have caused the crisis in the company are isolated in the old holding company," Mr. Johnsen said. "The subsidiaries, which take care of the insurance activities, are solid."

The move came after UNI Storebrand announced that it had suspended payments on its 3.6 billion kroner (\$679 million) of debt. UNI Storebrand said it clearly was no longer possible to ensure the oecessary liquidity of the company, which cannot meet its loan commit-

There was not sufficient willingness in influential circles to avoid this situation," said Anders Eckhoff, chairman of UNI Storebrand.

Late Monday, regulators rejected a proposal by the company to raise 1 billion kroner from two of its subsidiaries in exchange for stocks. bonds and real estate. Kredittilsynet, the regulatory authority for banks and securities companies, said it had

rejected the plan on the grounds that UNI Storebrand's two nonlife subsidiaries would oot oormally accept risks involved in buying real estate and equities from UNI Storebrand's holding company. "The problem lies with the parent company alooe," said Erling Selvig, the authority's chairman.

The chairman said there was a discrepancy between the finance regulator and the company over first-half accounts. Mr. Eckhoff said there was disagreement over the valuation of UNI's shareholding in Skandia AB and the bourse value of the company. UNI Storebrand is unable to repay the debt

it incurred last year during a hostile attempt with Hafnia Holding A/S of Denmark to take over the Swedish insurer Skandia.

left with a 28 percent stake in Skandia, for which it had paid more than 4 billion knoner. Skandia shares have dropped sharply, making

the stake oow worth closer to I billion kroner. Mr. Eckhoff said earlier that be thought it was possible that shareholders would lose all their investments. Public administration is the closest that an insurance firm can come to bankruptcy in Norway.

But analysts said creditors may have hope of eventual repayments and that shareholders might still have hope of retaining some of their

UNI Storebrand A/S has run the UNI Storebrand insurance group, comprising UNI Store-brand Skade (conlife), UNI Storebrand International and UNI Storebrand Liv (life). The company has oot given details on who its main creditors are.

Separately, the Norwegian state oil company Statoil said Tuesday that it had invested around \$70 million in loan certificates issued by UNI

Jan-Erik Langangen, who left his post as president of UNI Storebrand on July 26, resigned Tuesday as president of Statoil. Mr. Langangen was president of UNI when the loans were made. A Statoil spokesman said the loans were routine. (Reuters, AFX, AFP)

ZF of Germany to Buy **GM Transmission Unit**

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INDIANAPOLIS — General Motors Corp., pursuing a restructuring after last year's heavy losses, oo Tuesday agreed to sell its Allison Transmission division to a German company that traces its lineage to the maker of Zeppelin airships.

The price of the sale, to Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen AG, was not disclosed, although industry analysts valued the purchase at roughly \$400 million. Allison, based in Iodianapolis, had revenue of about \$850 million in 1991.

The sale to ZF, a privately held company that specializes in vehicle transmissions, steering equipment and suspension parts, is expected to be completed later this year, pending U.S. and German regulatory

approval.

We see the purchase of Allison Transmission as an important step to get a foot into the North American auto market," said a ZF spokesman at the company's headquarters in Friedrichshafen.

GM said in January that it was interested in selling Allison Trans-

mission, which it has owned since 1929, as part of its strategy to concentrate on its core business of building cars and trucks. That strategy, which also includes the closure of 21 North American plants by 1995, was decided as a result of the automaker's \$4.5 hillion loss last year and its declining share of the U.S. automotive market.

GM's Allison Gas Turbine division, also hased in Indianapolis, is

up for sale as well, and the automaker said Monday that it had

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Next in Computers:

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - Even as it closes the books on its disappointing Fifth Generation computer project, the Japanese government is embarking on a new 10-year quest to develop extremely fast computers that can mimic the human brain, understand speech and interpret facial

expressions and gestures.

When it was started a decade ago, the Fifth Generation Project set off fears around the world, which proved to be unfounded, that Japan would take over the compoter industry. The new effort, known as the Real-World Computing Program, is raising some

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Mimicking the Brain

known as the Real-World Computing Program, is raising some suspicions that Japan is trying to tap into advanced U.S. technology, but for the most part it is eliciting more puzzlement than fear.

Some computer scientists say the new project shows that this nation's vaunted system of government-led industrial development is running out of steam, at least in electronics, just at a time when other nations are thinking of emulating Japan.

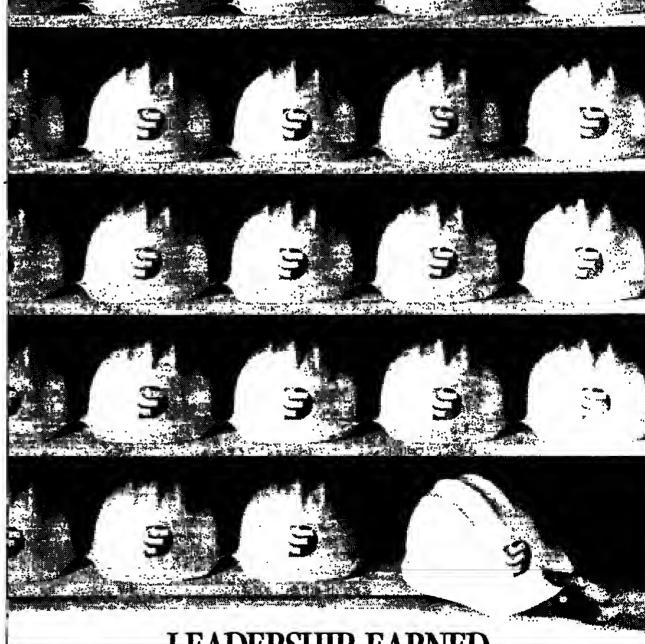
Rather than a cohesive project in industrial development, the Real-World program is more a loose confederation of research efforts in areas such as massively parallel computers and brain-like neural networks. Even many Japanese are not quite clear what the program is supposed to accomplish.

"For months and months and months, nobody knew what this project was about," said Dr. David K. Kahaner, a scientist who monitors Japanese computer work for the United States Office of Naval Research from his post in Tokyo. "It's not like building a rocket where you have very concrete goals and everything is focused

The shift reflects changes in the strategy of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry, which coordinates industrial policy here. At one time, the ministry could virtually create industries, as it did with computers in the 1960s and semiconductors in the

But Japan's electronics companies are oow so big and strong that they can do their own development. To stay out of the companies' way, the ministry is being forced to find a new niche, imancing projects with less immediate commercial potential. In addition, while older MITI programs were aimed at carching up to the West,

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CONFIDENCE: Index Weakens

(Continued from first finance page) thin market just before a summer weekend. On Tuesday morning. she noted, consumer product and leisure stocks were quickly marked down as a direct response to the confidence figures, while other stocks drifted as the dollar fell.

Alice Sadlo of McDonald & Co. disagreed, saying that "the dollar

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seems to be the focus," But Hersh Cohen of Shearson Asset Management said the stock market was more concerned with corporate carnings in the long term "and is in the process of reacting to the reality that the economy is not picking up in a material way."

"People right now are focusing on the dollar, but tomorrow they will focus on something else," he

m Wall Street Closes Mixed While blue chips broke a fourday losing streak, overall stocks changed at 8%. (Bloomberg, UPI)

were mixed, news services reported. Declines outpaced advances by about a 4-3 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. Vol-ume rose to 203.7 million shares from 167.53 million on Monday. Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.89, to 411.61, but the Nasdaq composite index fell 1.18, to 554.21.

Insurance stocks continued to fall on concern about the damage from Hurricane Andrew, which ripped through southern Florida. Analysts said Geico, Progressive Corp. and Travelers were the publicly traded companies with the biggest exposure to Florida markets. Geico fell 1/4 to 57, Progressive was down 24 at 60% and Travelers was unchanged at 20%.

General Motors was the most active Big Board issue, easing 1/4 to 331/4 after the nation's No. 1 automaker reported car sales fell 6.9 percent but light duty truck sales jumped 19.3

percent in mid-August.
Teléfonos de Mèxico followed, slipping 1/2 to 431/2. RJR Nabisco Holdings was third, closing un-

DOLLAR: Central Bank Tactics

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spiral in prices of stocks and bonds could have a knock-on effect on consumer spending and corporate investment plans that could only exacerbate the prospects of an early economic upturn. Commenting on the absent cen-tral banks, Avmash Persaud, Lon-

Foreign Exchange

don-based analyst for UBS Phillips & Drew, said that officials were waiting for the market to get cocky and go short and then they will return." Mr. Persaud predited the officials would sit back and let the dollar slide, to the area of 1.36 to 1.37 DM, and then intervene in

"Under those conditions, the intervention might work," he said.

At present, he added, "the foreign- exchange market is neutral"
with no big shorts to squeeze and
with intervention "destined to fail."

In New York, the dollar closed at 124.55 yen, off slighly from 124.65 yen, but it rose slightly to 1.2435 Swiss frames from 1.2418 frames and edged up to 4.7.45 French francs from 4.7830 francs. The pound closed at \$1.988, down from \$1.994.

The upset to the foreign exchange market is spilling over to other financial markets because it highlights the gridlock of economic policy in promoting world growth,

Until last week, each time U.S. interest rates were eased in an effort to promote faster economic the dollar would subsequently decline. But last Friday's drop to the dollar, observed Christopher Potts, Paris-based analyst at anque IndoSuez, signaled that "the foreign exchange market has now taken the lead."

The foreign-exchange market is ized countries, the expert added.

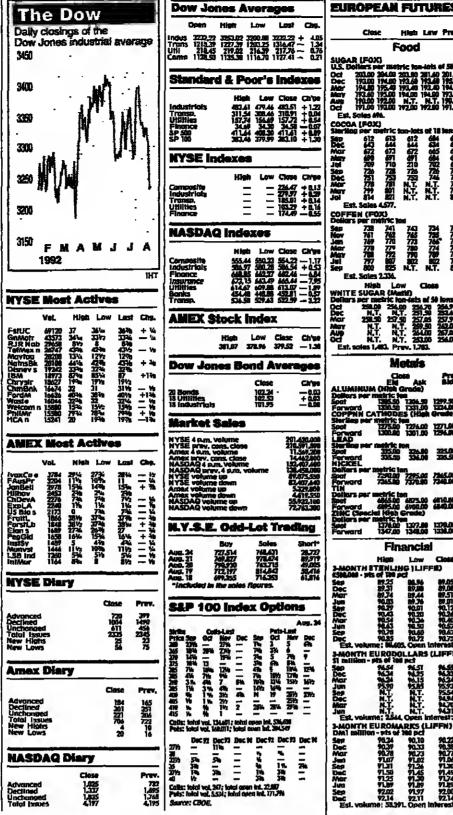
saying it can no longer support the divergence in interest rates, that U.S. interest rates cannot go any

Now it is clear that the Federal Reserve is unable to further reduce interest rates without provoking a run on the dollar. Germany is unable to reduce its rates without losing credibility in restraining an ex-cessively expansive rate of growth in the money supply. And with most of the rest of Western Europe locked into German rate levels within the fixed exchange rate mechanism, financial markets are now asking where the locomotive is to promote world growth.

"The basic problem is weak or weakened governments every-where," confided a senior international economist. The United States is immobilized by the upcoming election, Mitterrand is weakened and faces legislative elec-tions early next year, Kohl has internal problems and Major is hampered by the domestic economy—
if he increases rates to protect sterling, he'll kill the economy, and if
he pulls out of the ERM, he will have to resign."

Up to now, this official added, Western Europe has fared relatively well despite the high interest rates imposed by the Bundesbank because Germany's huge fiscal deficit financing unification has sucked in imports from the rest of Europe. But the impact of this spending is now exhausted and Germany's neighbors are now bearing the full force of its record-

high short-term interest rates. Although Latin America and Southeast Asia are experiencing relatively strong economic growth, this is "peanuts" without additional stimulus coming from somewhere from the major industrial-



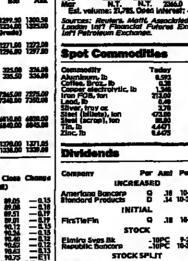
Oil Market Rethinks Hurricane Rally

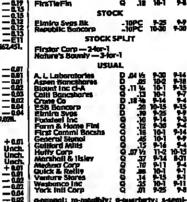
NEW YORK - Oil prices fell Tuesday as traders decided that Monday's sharp increase was an overreaction to Hurricane Andrew. The storm, which cut a destructive swathe through the Bahamas and southern Florida on Monday, was expected to hit the Louisiana coast Tuesday night. Traders said they feared the storm could damage the 6 million barrels per day of refining capacity located along the Gulf Coast,

as well as oil and gas production facilities.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, October crude oil futures fell to \$21.15 a barrel, down 39 cents. "People just overreacted yesterday," said Victor Yu, a trader with Nikkah Energy Group. "I think most people have covered their positions and are moving into a wait-and-see mode."

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TWA Pilots Agree to Buyout Plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Trans World Airlines pilots said Tuesday that they had agreed to a buyout by workers and creditors, putting TWA on the brink of finishing a reorganization that would bring it out of

the brink of finishing a reorganization that would bring it out to bankruptcy court.

Although TWA had amounced Monday all its unions had agreed to the plan, the pilots had said they were still negotiating. If TWA is able to leave bankruptcy court, it would be the first big U.S. airline to successfully restructure under federal bankruptcy protection.

Under the deal, creditors would get 55 percent of the airline in exchange for forgiving much of TWA's long-term debt. The employees would give 15 percent wage, benefit and work-rule concessions in return for the remaining 45 percent of the company. Combined, the creditors and unions concessions would save TWA about \$350 million a year, TWA said. The airline has been losing about \$1 million a day. TWA said. The airline has been losing about \$1 million a day.

BCCI Assessed Fine of \$200 Million

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Federal Reserve Board announced a \$200 million civil penalty Tuesday against the Bank of Credit & Com-

merce International. In a plea agreement last December, the Luxembourg-based bank consented to the penalty for violations of the Banking Holding Company Act. The agreement was between BCCI and the Justice Department, the Fed, the New York County district attorney and several other government agencies

The violations are linked to the acquisition of Credit & Commerce American Holdings, the National Bank of Georgia, and the CenTrust Savings Bank in Miami. BCCI operated around the world but was closed last summer in nearly 70 countries, including the United States, after allegations of sweeping fraud. ment agencies.

Kodak and Canon Link in Copiers

ROCHESTER, New York (Bloomberg) — Eastman Kodak Co. and Canon Inc. said Tuesday they would develop copiers together and resell

each other's products. The alliance will help Kodak and Canon compete in the global copier market against Xerox Corp. which is estimated to have 85 percent of the market for large, expensive office copiers.

The alliance cements an informal relationship struck in 1984. Since then, Kodak has resold Canon's low-priced color laser copiers and Canon has resold some of Kodak's advanced copying machines

Deere Profit Slides on 'Soft Market'

MOLINE, Illinois (AP) - Decre & Co. said Tuesday its profit tumbled 71 percent in its fiscal third quarter as sales slipped 2 percent. The maker of tractors and farm machinery cited lower production and sales volume "in response to soft market conditions."

Deare earned \$9.1 million, or 12 cents a share, in the quarter ended July 31, down from \$31.3 million, or 41 cents a share, a year earlier, while

revenue fell to \$1.75 billion from \$1.79 billion.

Asset Sale Boosts Tandy Profit

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Tandy Corp. reported Tuesday profit of \$28.1 million, or 34 cents a share, for its fiscal fourth quarter, nearly 50 percent higher than last year because of an asset sale and higher revenue

at its Radio Shack stores.

The sale of a Japanese subsidiary, which had assets mostly in real estate. contributed 15 cents to the per-share profit. Revenue in the quarter ended June 30 was nearly \$1.08 billion, up 9 percent from \$985.2 million.

For the Record

Highland Superstores Inc., which operates in the Midwest, said it filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy

Reader's Digest Association Inc. said its profit for the year ended June 30 rose 12 percent, to \$234.4 million, or \$1.95 a share, on an 11 percent, sales gain to \$2.6 billion. (Bloomberg)

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Slow Economies Hurt Bayer

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percent, to 942 million Deutsche marks (\$671.2 milion), and predicted earnings for the full year would decline as the world economy grew only singuishly. decline as the world economy grew only stuggishly.

Bayer said the drop in quarterly profit, from 1.06 billion DM a year earlier, was caused by "continued pressure on prices, especially in the sectors geared to manufacturing industry." It added that the situation was eracerbated by the weak dollar.

The company is the first of the German chemical

ajors to report quarterly earnings. Hoechst AG and BASF AG are expected to post lower profits later this week, and some analysts said there their performances

week, and some analysis said infect that peatermances, would be weaker than that of Bayer.

Bayer forecast "satisfactory, albeit slightly lower" 1992 group earnings, after 1991 net profit of 1.85 billion DM and pretax profit of 3.2 billion. "The world economy is showing no sign of recovering, and we no longer expect the situation to improve fundamentally in the second half of the year," the company said.

For the first half of the calendar year, group net profit fell 10.2 percent, to 888 million DM, while pretax profit over that period was down 9.8 percent, at 1.75 billion DM.

Revenue in the second quarter was down 3.7 percent, to 11 billion DM. For the first half, revenue was fractionally lower, at 22.19 billion DM.

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LEVERKUSEN, Germany — Bayer AG, one of Germany's three big chemical companies, said Tuesday that its second-quarter pretax profit fell 11.5 necent, to 942 million Deutsche marks (2621.2 ml). the expiry of licenses for Bayer's most important phar-maceutical product, Adalat, a pain reliever.

After plunging 7.80 DM on Monday on fears of a drop in second quarter earnings of up to 25 percent, Bayer's share price slipped 10 plennig, to 255.70 DM. Of the three big chemials companies, analysis said BASF was expected to come out the worst for the

Dalbrück & Co.'s chemicals analyst, Piers Nestler, said he expected BASF's second-quarter pretax profit to fall by about 46 percent. He explained that a windfall profit from BASF's petroleum business after the Guif War buoyed results in the second quarter of 1991.

Bank Bar's Mr. Broecker said he expected the Bayer results would be the best of the three.

Mr. Nestler said, "Bayer and Hoechst both have an advantage over BASF in that they each have a large and relatively recession-proof pharmaceutical division," adding that "Bayer's is about twice as profitable

Mr. Nestler said he expected Hoechst's second-quar-ter pretax profit to fall about 15 percent, to 500 million DM from 591 million a year earlier. Mr. Broecker (Reuters, AFX) forecast a fall of 15-20 percent.

I.G. Farben Announces

Name Change, Share Swap

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industrial cartel in the world, said it planned a name change and a stock swap with its majority shareholder, in an attempt to move from merely liquidating old assets to active new business.

In a statement released at its annual shareholders meeting, I.G. Farben said it would change its name to I.G. Beteiligungs- & Grundbesitz AG to better reflect its varied ventures in the real estate sector. It also plans a

swap of LG. Farben liquidation certificates for shares of its majority

shareholder Württembergische Catum Maufactur. WCM, which controls more than 93 percent of LG. Farben's capital, is offering one WCM share

for every six Farben liquidation certificates.

Until the end of World War II, I.G. Farben was an interest group —
hence the I.G. — for more than 30 German chemical concerns, including

BASF AG, Baver AG and Hoechst AG, known as LG, Farben successors.

The break-up of the Farben empire was stipulated by the Allied forces after the war because it used slave labor under the Nazis and fucied their

war machine, Since 1945, the current LG. Farbenindustrie's only business has been liquidating LG. Farben assets. But after German unification.

Farben liquidation certificates became a speculative stock, as investors expected it to retrieve expropriated real estate in the Eastern Germany.

Farben held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday as protesters demanded reparations and liquidation of the company. (Bloomberg, AP)

Euro Disney: 'Astonishing' Rumors

The Associated Press

PARIS - The chief executive of the Euro Disneyland amusement park

denied Tuesday what he called "astonishing rumors" that have sent the

in a radio microicw, Robert Fitzpatrick acknowledged attendance was "a bit slow," to get off the ground after the park opened outside Paris in April.

He said that all the park's six hotels were fully booked in August, and

denied a rumor that Disney would close a second hotel in the winter

months. Euro Disney announced last month that it intends to close its

top-of-the-line Newport Bay hotel from October 1992 to April 1993 to

adjust room capacity to seasonal demand.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Rhône-Poulenc SA's operating profit rose 22.1

percent, to 4 billion French francs (\$836.8 million), in the first half, the state-controlled chemical company said Tues-day. It maintained its forecast of 20 percent growth for the full year despite current eco-nomic difficulties.

Sales rose 1.3 percent, to 42.5 billion francs.

Operating profit in the health sector rose 34 percent, to 2.1 billion francs. The company's health business inchudes the Rhône Roser phar-maceutical subsidiary in the United States.

Rhône-Poulenc said operat-ing profit rose to 407 million francs from 156 million in specialty chemicals. Operating profit for fibers and polymers was up to 418 million from 311 million; the growth was due largely to restructuring of the

Net profit after payment to minority shareholders, adjusted for changes in accou methods from last year to this, odged up to 1.24 billion francs from 1.23 billion.

(AFX, Bloomberg)

Grand Met Drops on **Forecast**

LONDON - Shares of Grand Metropolitan PLC

slumped 8.5 percent Tuesday after the company said its pretex profit for the current year would be only in line with the prior year's results.

Grand Met shares slid 35 pence, to 379 pence, on the London Stock Exchange. When the conglomerate's

half-year results were announced in May, Grand Met's chairman, Sir Allen Sheppard, said he was confident 1992 would be a year of progress, but that the rate of advance would depend on how quickly the world economy recovered

from recession.
But Grand Met said that since then there had been no economic recovery in the United States or Britain and that there had been a softening in Continental markets.

The weakening of the dollar

in recent months also has hurt Grand Met, which earns about half its profit in dollars. In the year ended Sept. 30, 1991, Grand Met earned pretax profit of £950 million (\$1.81 billion). It is to an-nounce its results for the cur-

rent year on Dec. 3. After the profit forecast, Morgan Stanley & Co. low-ered its rating on Grand Met's stock to a hold from a buy.

Warm Weather Pushes **British Gas Into Loss**

LONDON - British Gas PLC, blaming unusually warm weather, said Tuesday that it swung to an £82 million (\$163.5 million) pretex loss in the second quarter of the vear from a profit a year earlier.

The privatized gas monopoly also said full-year profit was "likely to be lower than 1991" unless the weather at the end of the year was unseasonably cold. Against this gloomy background, the company also said it intended to

cut domestic gas prices by 2 percent in October, responding to pressure from the Office of Gas Supply, the government regulator.

The stock price fell 6 pence to 238 pence on the London market. Olgas, as the office is known, told the company in May to lower its prices or face regulatory action. British Gas reduced prices 3 per-cent in July, and the regulator said

the latest price cut signaled that the company "is at last beginning to take its responsibilities towards its monopoly customers seriously. The second-quarter pretax loss of £82 million was calculated on

the basis of current cost, which disregards the effects of price movements on the value of gas stocks. The loss compared with a £183 million profit a year earlier.
On a historic-cost basis, includ-

pared with a £247 million profit in the year-earlier period. Second-quarter revenue fell 12.3

percent to £1.92 billion. For the first half of the year, current cost pretax profit dropped 32.7 percent to £778 million, while his-

toric cost net profit slipped 30 per-cent to £915 million. Revenue declined 6.3 percent to £5.509 billion.

The company will pay a first-half dividend of 6.4 pence a share. That dividend is not comparable with a year earlier as a result of the change in the accounting year.

Chairman Robert Evans said the second-quarter and half-year re-sults were "disappointing." He said the company had experi-

eneed "numerous significant changes" since its sale to the private sector. British Gas will be able to "plan with confidence for the medium and long term" pending the outcome of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into the structure of the U.K. gas industry,

the in about nine months, he said. Mr. Evans said British Gas was pressing ahead with its operations worldwide, citing the recently signed agreement between the company's exploration and production business and the Italian state-

owned oil company Agip.

The company could double its oil and gas reserves if the parmership with Agip succeeds in securing the reserves of the Karachaganak oil and gas condensate field with the Kazakhstan government, the chairman said. An agreement ing the effect of price swings, there was a net loss of £17 million, compared with a £247 million. would create the opportunity to

British Gas said Aug. 20 that it was selected with the Belgian energy company Tractebel SA to build. own and operate a £175 million ntilities plant in Thailand. That is "an important milestone in the implementation of our global gas strategy," Mr. Evans said.

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Very briefly:

 Denmark's balance of payments surplus will rise to 23.5 billion kroner (\$4.19 billion) in 1993 from an estimated 21 billion kroner surplus this year, according to the government's draft 1993 budget.

• London & Metropolitum PLC said its pretax loss for 1991 narrowed to £26 million (\$51.7 million) from £100.3 million a year earlier and said stockholders should not expect dividends "for the near future."

 France's surplus in international motor vehicles sales grew to 25.4 billion francs (\$5.3 billion) in the first half, up nearly 45 percent from a

 Siemens AG's energy unit Siemens/KWU said Skode Praha of Czecho-slovakia had pulled out of a planned joint venture to make power stations between Siemens/KWU, Skoda Praha, Franctome SA of France and Skoda Pizen; talks among the three remaining concerns are continuing. - Hidroeléctrica del Cantabrico SA of Spain said its first-half consolidated pretax profit rose 14 percent from a year earlier, to 4.937 billion pesetas (\$53.8 million); sales rose 12 percent, to 46.53 billion pesetas. Mannesmann AG denied a published report that insider trading was a factor behind a plunge in its share price last week, when shares dropped just before news was released of an 89 percent drop in first-half results.

Health-Care Sales Aid Procordia Net

Procordia's profit after net financial items totaled 2.29 billion kronor (\$432 million), up from 2.12 billion kronor a year earlier. Sales rose 1.8 percent, to 19.75 billion kronor. Revenue at Kabi Pharmacia rose 15 percent, to 6.7

billion kroner, mainly because of strong sales of growth hormones. The Italian company Pierrel accounted for about half of the rise. Procordia's pharmaceutical and food divisions con-

tinue to defy the recession. Only its investment division, which comprises noncore activities, showed a lower profit. Good weather in June boosted the operating profit

in Procordia's beer, bottled water and soft drinks unit by 35 percent, to 145 million kronor, despite tough competition in the Norwegian and Swedish markets. The food division, also helped by early summer demand for frozen and prepared foods, showed a 16 percent rise in operating profit, 141 million kronor.

STOCKHOLM — A strong performance by its tionery unit, reported a 4 percent rise in operating Kabi Pharmacia health-care division helped Procordia profit, to 473 million kronor. Improved cigarette and AB report an 8 percent rise in first-half profit on snuff sales outweighed disappointing contributions by the candy side.

The overall results were slightly below analysts expectations of a 2.39 billion kronor profit. Procordia A shares fell 8 kronor, to 140 kronor, on the Stock-

holm exchange on Tuesday.

A Procordia spokesman, Klas Rasater, refused to comment on a published report that the Swedish government would sell its share holding in Procordia in October. The Swedish government has said it would sell its Procordia stake, but has not said when. (Renters, AFX)

■ Saab Increases Sales and Trims Its Loss Saab Automobile AB said its first-half loss after financial items narrowed to 800 million kronor from

Saab, jointly owned by Investor AB of Sweden and General Motors Corp. of the United States, posted an 8 percent rise in sales, to 8.06 billion kronor.

Gibbs Mew Rejects Bid by Brierley

Mew PLC, which the British brewing and real estate concern prompt-

Brierley announced a bid of 200 pence a share for Gibbs Mew, giv-ing the company a valuation of £11 million (\$21.9 million). Briefley 1.59 billion kronor a year earlier, Renters reported carrently owns 19.7 percent of

Gibbs Mew. The board of Gibbs Mew has

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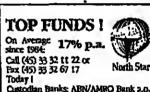
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no hesitation in unanimously re-LONDON — Brierley Invest- jecting this unwelcome offer, which ments Ltd. of New Zealand it believes significantly undervallaunched Tuesday a bid for Gibbs ues Gibbs Mew's assets and prospects," the company said.



GM: ZF of Germany Will Buy Allison Transmission

about 5,000 workers who produce heavy-duty transmissions for trucks, buses, off-road vehicles and military equipment. GM refused to say if the division is profitable. The automaker said it would continue to rely on Allison as a supplier.

Group sales at ZF reached 5.7 billion Dentsche marks (\$4.1 billion) in 1991. It employs about 33,000 workers in 49 countries. Among existing operations in the United States are factories and

company's share price tumbling:

ZF already supplies the U.S. Anny, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, although none of its business involves classified military

ZF is one of a number of companies held by the Zeppelin Stiftung, a foundation created after the death of Graf Zeppelin to absorb the various airship factories that this pioneer of air technology developed early in the century.

Klans Bleyer, chief executive of does have union work forces in ZF, said the company intended to Germany. (Bloomberg AP)

come president of the subsidiary, which will be renamed ZF Alison

Mr. Clark said ZF Allison intended to negotiate a new contract with the United Auto Workers union when its current contract expires in September 1993.

None of ZF's other U.S. opera-tions in Michigan, Georgia, Maine and Illinois are unionized, but ZF

EUROPE: Many Reasons to Fall

expect any major upswing in Euro-pean equity markets until the Bundesbank finally cuts interest rates. With so little to cheer about in the near term, analysts say most investors have decided to sit comfortably on the markets' sidelines.

Yet another worrisome factor for European equities is the weakness of the dollar. Mike Smith, equity strategist for Merrill Lynch Eu-rope, calculated that a 20 percent fall in the dollar against the mark would cut earnings per share growth of European corporations

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a blow, expected to see ever-greater penetration of their markets, including their home markets, by rival prozone, the U.S. and countries whose currencies are effectively tied to the dollar. "It gives them a stab at gaining market share without having to sacrifice their margins," said Fuji's Mr. Taylor.

The dollar's weakness will also have an impact on European stocks since among other products now more difficult for Europeans to sell in the United States will be their own shares. "For U.S. investors the British market is now 15 percent more expensive than it was," Mr. Tinker said.

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Japanese Back Off Parts Pact

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TOKYO -- Japanese automakers said a domestic market slump was likely to prevent them from meeting their commitments to increase purchases of U.S. auto parts to help nar-row the trade imbalance between the two countries.

"We need something like a miracle to fulfill the purchase plans," a spokesman for Nissan Motor Co. said Tuesday. "It's very tough to achieve the total we promised in January," a Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman said.

Sales of cars, trucks and bus-es in Japan fell 4.8 percent in the first half of calendar 1992. Japanese automakers promised President George Bush and U.S. auto industry leaders they would increase purchases of American parts, Mr. Bush and Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa made a nonbinding pact to raise Japanese pur-chases of U.S. auto parts to \$19

billion annually by fiscal 1994. Toyota pledged to increase its purchases of U.S. auto parts and materials to \$5.28 billion in the year ending March 1995. It spent \$3.1 billion on U.S. parts in the year to March 1992. Toyota last month said it

plans to buy gasoline tank components for its Camry cars from a Chrysler Corp. subsidiary starting next year.

Nissan promised to boost its annual target for the year to March 1995 to \$3.7 billion from \$1.5 billion in the year to March 1992. Nissan this month said it would buy \$1 million in spark plugs a year from Allied-Signal Inc.

"We will do whatever we can do," the Toyota spokes-. man said, but added the U.S. authorities must "understand domestic-market situations."

Weak Demand Hits Matsushita Profit

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TOKYO — Matsushita Electric Industrial Co, said Tuesday that its consolidated net profit tumbled 76.4 percent in the second quarter of this year with its earnings hurt by weak Japanese demand for video and audio equipment as well as by strength in the yea.

The company said earnings for the April-June period fell to 9 billion yen (\$71.9 million), while sales slipped 3.4 percent, to 1.713 trillion yen, from the year-earlier period.

Two other major Japanese companies also reported weak performances. Victor Co. of Japan revised its forecast to predict a loss of 14 billion yen for the six months ending on Sept. 30 while TDK Corp. said pretax profit fell 18.2 percent in the second quarter.

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Matsushita, which exports products under the National, Panasonic, Technics, and Quasar brands, said that sluggish consumer spending in Japan and the delayed of recovery of the U.S. economy had hurt performance in particular. Matsushita's share price fell 10 yen, to 1,240 yen, Tuesday and has fallen 14.5 percent so far this year.

Sales of video equipment fell 11 percent and sales of audio equipment were off 5 percent, but sales of household appliances rose 3 percent.

The company said that its domestic sales dipped 6 percent, to 849 billion yen, on a brighter note, the company announced improved sales in Asia, including China.

Among other Japanese companies, Victor Co. of Japan, a leading maker of videocassette recorders and home audio and television systems, said Tuesday it expected to post a loss of 14 billion yen for the six months ending on Sept. 30, widened from a previous estimate of a 5 billion yen loss. JVC cited weak sales for videocassette recorders.

TDK Corp., the world's top maker of audio tape, said pretax profit fell

TDK. Corp., the world's top maker of andio tape, said pretax profit fell 18.2 percent, to 11.04 billion yen, in the three months ending in June. Sales rose 0.8 percent, to 133.5 billion yen. Revenue from recording equipment rose 11.3 percent, to 42.12 billion yen, (Bloomberg, Renters, AFX, AFP)

Japan Shows Further Signs Of Weakness

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's index of leading economic indicators stood at 45.5 in June, up from 25.0 in May but still below the 50 level that divides growth from pression the governfrom recession, the government said on Tuesday.

The index has been below 50 for 22 straight months, the Economic Planning Agency said. Meanwhile, the Bank of Ja pan in its August review said the economy remained in a slowing trend because of weakening consumption growth and inventory adjustments by manufacturers.

■ NTT Sale Is Delayed The Finance Ministry said it would put off its planned sale of Nippou Telegraph & Telephone Corp. shares until the fiscal year beginning in April 1994 because of the slump in the Japanese stock market. Bloomberg Business News reported from Tokyo.

HSBC Boosts Dividend After Earnings Surge

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG — Boosted by strong results in its Asian markets, HSBC Holdings PLC announced Tuesday a 50.6 percent rise in firsthalf profit and raised its dividend a hefty 30.6 percent, but there were disquieting signs for the banking company in weak Western markets and the U.S.-China trade dispute. Net profit for the first six months of the year was 5.03 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$647.1 million), up from 3.34 billion dollars a year earli-

er, and the company raised its divi-dend to 70.5 cents from 54 cents. "The results were very good," said Eugene Law, of DBS Securities, "especially since before provisions for bad debts, profits went up about 100 percent." But, he said, "People are worried about overseas

markets and exchange rates." The results were at the high end of expectations, but had been difficult to forecast because HSBC restated first-half profit from 1991 to reflect disclosure of its inner reserves.

HSBC, parent of Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and Hang Seng Bank, revealed in April its reserves were 16.6 billion dollars, or 25.3

previously disclosed investment surpluses were revealed. It disclosed the reserves during its £3.9 billion (\$7.78 billion) bid for Midland Bank PLC in July, which increased its presence in the British and U.S. markets.

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HSBC took a charge of 4.48 bil-lion dollars for doubtful debts in the hon conars for consum needs in the first half of this year, up from 2.75 billion a year earlier. The increase was mainly due to E provision of \$187.5 million on June 30 to cover loans to Olympia & York Developments I at The Consedient developments. er, which is operating under court protection from its creditors, owed HSBC 5787 million on June 30, but the company said its exposure had been trimmed to \$768 million.

For the rest of 1992, HSBC said it expected growth in Hong Kong and most Southeast Asian economies, but saw few signs of recovery in the

William Purves, the HSBC chairtrade dispute between the U.S. and China is drawing attention and may

Sunkyong Rejects

SEOUL — Smkyong Industries Ltd. Tuesday said it would give up a lucrative mobile-phone business

license that sparked allegations of

Sunkyong, South Korea's fifth-largest conglomerate, was awarded

the project last week, along with

GTE Corp. and other partners. Six

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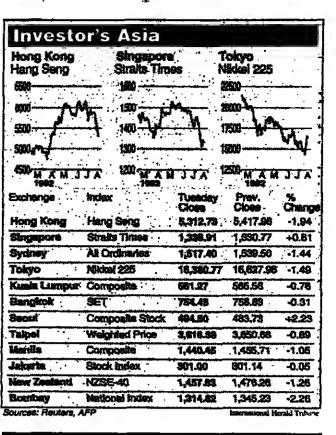
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Very briefly:

w Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank's long-term debt rating has been lowered to Aa3 from Aa1 by Moody's Investors Service; the rating change affects \$3.5 billion of long-term debt.

w Crosby Securities Pta. of Singapore has acquired a 40 percent interest in Commercial Stockbrokers, the securities unit of Commercial Bank, the largest private commercial bank in Sri Lanka; Commercial Bank is 40 percent-owned by Standard Chartered Bank.

w Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Co., controlled by Swire Pacific Ltd., said net profit rose 23 percent, to 180.5 million dollars (\$23.1 million), in the six months to June 30; the aircraft maintenance company said 1991

figures had been depressed by the drop in travel caused by the Gulf War. Far East Consortium International Ltd., a Hong Kong real estate company, said net profit rose 31 percent, to 160.8 million dollars, in the year ended March 31, thanks to rental income from commercial properties acquired during the year.

• Westinghouse Electric Corp. opened talks with the Philippine government to settle bribery allegations involving the former regime of Ferdinand E. Marcos and allow the U.S. company to operate a mothballed

w China Northwest Airlines, a regional carrier based in Xian, is to buy eight small passenger jets, the BAc-146 Series 300, from British Aerospace PLC for \$200 million.

- Malaysia intends to curtail logging activities and speed up reforestation as a response to Western environmental groups' criticisms.

Bloomberg, Reuters

BRAIN: Japan Is Working on Computers That Can Think as You Do

(Continued from first finance page)

Japan is now a world leader in technology and must do more basic research if it is to keep advancing.

"MITI's projects are moving toward basic research," said Hide-take Fukuda, deputy director of the ministry's industrial electronics division. "For other countries, it is going in the opposite direction."

Some observers say the project is not as benign as the ministry wants it to sound. This is not basic research," said Engene Wong, a sci-ence adviser to President George Bush. "It started out being fairly esoteric but it has become very prac-tical, very commercializable."

The Real-World program aims to develop what the Japanese are calling "flexible information pro-cessing," or "soft logic."

Rather than focusing on the precise calculations that computers are known for, the project will seek to develop computers that are called neurons by analogy with the brain's neurons.

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To accomplish that goal, the pro-gram will work on three highly advanced types of computers that are already starting to have commercial applications.

One type is computers with massively parallel processing, in which tens or hundreds of thousands of processors team up to perform complex calculations at lightning speeds. A computer with parallel processing can break a problem

Massively parallel machines, in which the United States holds the clear lead, are already starting to displace conventional supercomputers, which rely on one or several gh-speed processors.

The Japanese program aims to develop a prototype with one mil-lion processors within 10 years, a goal that should be surpassed by American companies well before

A second type is computers with neural networks, which are mabelieved to function. Neural machines store information as a pattern of changeable connections into parts and work on each part among different processors, which ers and neural networks.

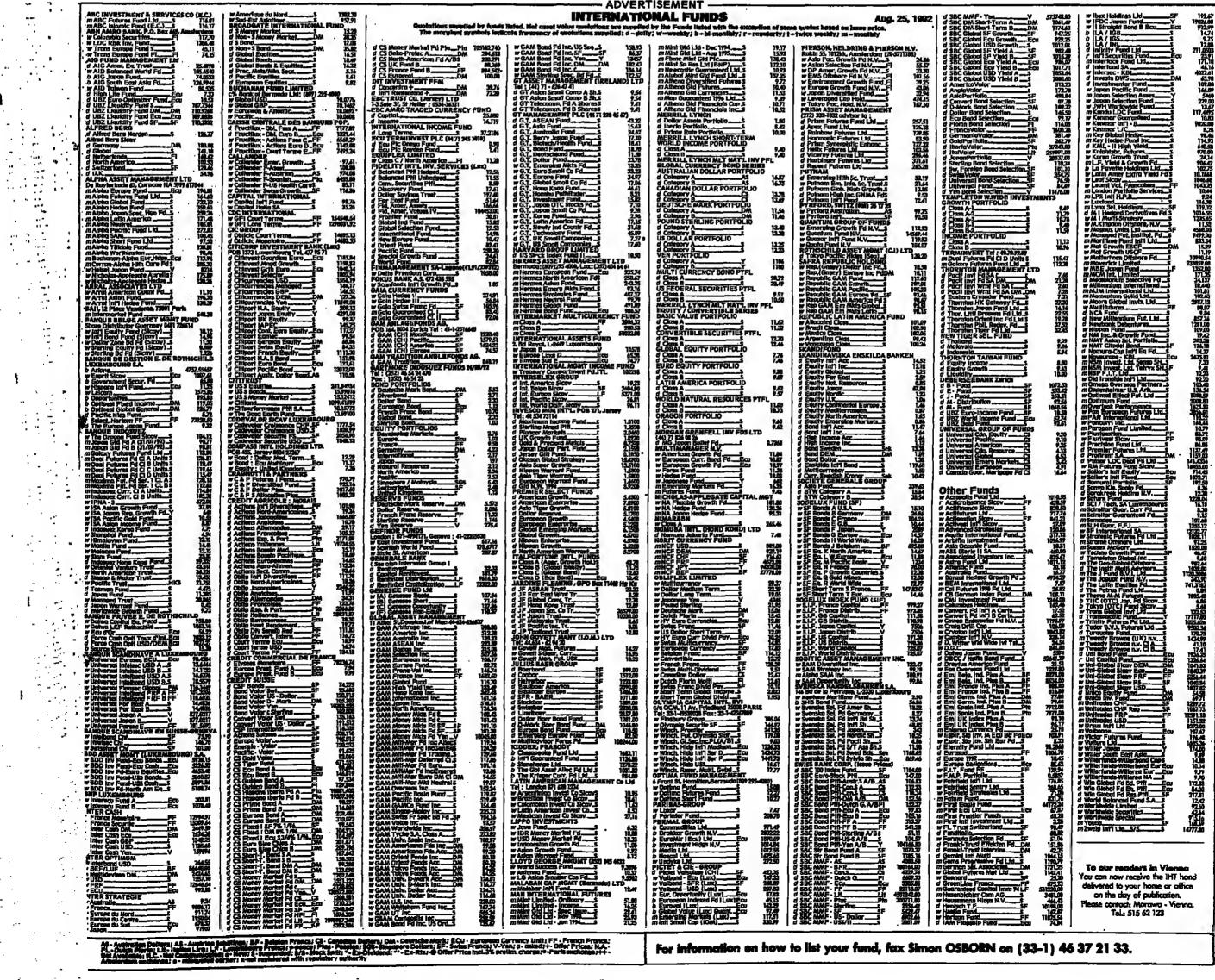
Such computers can learn by example without having to be explicitly told what to do by a program.

Even though neural networks are still primitive, they are starting to be used to recognize handwriting, analyze bank loans and perform other pattern-recognition tasks. The Japanese hope to leap ahead in complexity, developing a system with about a million neurons.

The third type is computers in which light is used to transmit in-formation instead of electronic signals. Optical signals are already starting to be used to transmit data within or between computers, but chines based on how the brain is fully optical computers are years

Using light might make it easier to build massively parallel comput-





SPORTS

Skah-Chelimo Race Is Disappointment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches appointment Tuesday night in the lona.
5.000-meter run of the BT Games international meet.

Paul Bitok of Kenya won in 13 minutes, 19.26 seconds, with Skah second in 13:19-51. But Chelimo ran only seventh, in 13:36.42. Dennis Mitchell won a star-stud-ded 100, in 9.92 seconds, with fel-

low American Carl Lewis second in 9.95 and Olapade Adeniken of Nigeria third in 10.00. Leroy Burrell of the United States finished sixth,

Olympic champions Kevin Young and Quincy Watts posted expected victories as American athletes dominated the early events.
YoUng took the lead early and won the 400-meter hurdles in 48.57 seconds, almost two seconds off the world record of 46.78 be set in

Winthrop Graham of Jamaica, the Olympic silver medalist and runner-up in last, year's World Championships, had to settle with second again in 49.45. Third went to world champion Samuel Matere of Zambia in 49.49.

Watts captured the 400 meters in COPENHAGEN — The re-another relatively slow time of match between Khalid Skah of 44.85 seconds, finishing 5 ahead of Morocco, who won a controversial countryman Steve Lewis, the 1984 Olympic gold medal at 10,000 me-Olympic champion. Samson Kitur ters, and runner-up Richard Che- of Kenya took third in 45.12. They limo of Kenya, proved to be a dis-finished in the same order in Barce-

> Nixon Kiprotich's strong kick with about 40 meters left enabled him to pass Olympic champion William Tanui and win the 800 in 1:45.16. Tanui clocked 1:45.41. Robert Kibet made it a Kenyan triple in 1:45.58.

Johnny Gray, the Olympic bronze medalist from the United States, finished a disappointing eighth and last in 1:51.53.

Sonia O'Sullivan of Ireland upset Olympic champion Elena Ro-manova in the women's 3,000 meters, outkicking the Russian to win in 8:45.48. Tatyana Dorovskikh, the Olympic silver medalist from the Unified Team, was only sixth.

Werner Günthor of Switzerland, a double world champion who failed in Barcelona, had the fifth longest heave of the year at 21.34 meters to win the shot put.

Jim Doehring of the U.S., who was second in the Olympics, hit 20.71 for second.

Young Gymnasts Prone To Injuries, Study Finds

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Canadian researchers say about Olympic gold medals instead young female gymnasts pay too of wages, we tend to look the other dear a price in their intense training way."

specialists who recently completed a 40-month study of 100 top female joint problems. gymnasts in the province say their mjuries and hours of training compare to hardships suffered by chil-dren working in coal mines in the more than 1,500 hours a year.

19th century. "They were also putting in long hours and were subject to injuries that could be life-long," said Robert Woollard, an assistant professor

"We are looking at a very similar

for the Olympic gold.

University of British Columbia number of skeletal injuries; broken specialists who recently completed bones, sprains, back injuries and

A gymnast competing nationally averaged one injury for every 1,000

Most injuries, 56 percent, resulted from accidents, and of those 31 percent were fractures. The other mjuries were from overuse.

most common complaints.

Ankle and wrist damage are the

Redskins Get Howard for \$6 Million

ASHBURN, Virginia — The Washington Redskins finally got their last three holdouts into camp Tuesday with the arrival of Heisman Trophy winner Des-mond Howard, and two All-Pros: cornerback Darrell Green and offensive tackle Jim Lachey. Although the Redskins said talks were continuing, his agent said Howard, the fourth player picked in the National Football

League draft, signed a four-year deal worth \$6 million, including a \$2.85 million signing bonus. Lachey, considered the best player at his position, agreed to a three-year deal worth \$4 million. "It's an excellent deal, and it

all worked out well," Leigh Steinberg, whose office also rep-resents Lachey, said of Howard's deal. "We're sorry it took so long, but now you get to see Desmond on the field instead of

his lawyer mouthing off."

Lachey's contract keeps him at the top of the pay scale for offensive lineman. Center Bruce Matthews of the Houston Oilers is the next highest paid offensive lineman at \$1 million for 1992. Jay Hilgenberg, the Chicago Bears' center, is seeking more than \$1 million.

Terms were not immediately available on Green, who was seeking to become the highest paid defeasive back. Howard, the Michigan speed-

ster who will play wide receiver and return kicks, was taken with a choice obtained a year earlier from San Diego and his selection was the highest ever by a Super Bowl winner.

The Redskins, who two weeks ago signed quarterback Mark Rypien, will play their only home exhibition game on Saturday against Minnesota. The club opens the regular season Sept. 7 in Oallas.

In other developments: Carl Banks, the New York Giants' ninth-year outside linebacker, ended a long contract dispute by signing a one-year



Desmond Howard: Four-year deal with Super Bowl champions.

contract Monday for somewhere between the \$1.5 he sought and the \$1.2 million the team had

The Cleveland Browns after a kings on Monday night - that matched the most points ever allowed in an exhibition game by

Another player with Sm the Browns - began making moves immediately, acquiring linebacker Frank Stams from the Los Angeles Rams and guard Ron Milstead from Dallas, both in exchange for draft picks.

In Monday night's other exhibition game, the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Buffalo Bills, 35-0, behind new quarterback Dave Krieg, late of the Seattle Sea-hawks. Krieg passed for 160 yards and two touchdowns as Kansas City scored on four of its first five possessions in handing Buffalo its worst exhibition de-

Among the players set free on Monday was the Detroit Lions' 315-pound (142.8-kilogram) of-fensive tackle Buhba Paris, who enjoyed his best days anchoring the offensive line as the San Francisco 49ers won three Super

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employment is Niko Noga, one of the eight players involved in the federal court suit against the NFL over free agency. Noga was let go by the Los Angeles Raid-56-3 loss to the Minnesota Vi-kings on Monday night — that veteran running backs Terrence

> Another player with Super Bowl credentials, guard Bruce Collie, was released by the New York Jets. Collie was a part-time starter at guard for San Francis-co's 1988-89 Super Bowl champi-

Among the 10 players released by the Phoenix Cardinals was third-year defensive lineman Craig Patterson, who started 13 games last season.

The Garrett family took a double setback when Judd, a running back, was released by Scattle and brother John was cut by Tampa Bay.

The New York Jets' coach, Bruce Coslet, all but officially named 24-year-old Browning Nagle as the team's starting quarterback when he picked Nagle over Ken O'Brien to start against the Philadelphia Eagles' powerful defense in the exhibition-season finale on Thursday.

Danish Rewards, and Perils

ONDON - A year ago, Peter Schmeichel could have taken a slow boat from Copenhagen to Riga with hardly a soul knowing him from Adam.

A scason at Manchester United, and a mid summer's dream at the European Championskips, have changed things somewhat. This Monday, the big, blond goalkeeper performed before a television audience of millions in England, then squeezed through the autograph hunters to board an executive jet taking him to Riga for Wednesday's World Cup qualifying match between Latvia and Denmark.

Soccer's cycle, like its speed of play, has quickened so much that _

Danes who were underdogs in the summer now trav.

el with all the bag-gage of superstars. Suddenly, the burden of expects tion is on those who, two months ago, surprised and delighted os by capturing the European

This shows how intimately sport feeds off the times. Denmark's players were danging their feet in holiday waters when they were called up to fill the shoes of the of banned Yugoslavs; and with absolutely nothing to lose, those Danes won European soccea's major event.

The excitement is already almost a splendid blur on the memory. The players who were relative unknowns are oow counting their wages in lire, Deutsche marks,

They are being flown from all ports to represen their country in line with FIFA's new dictar. Thus, for Manchester United to extract full value from Schmei chel, the onus is on the club to get him from Southampton, where the team played on Monday, to Riga for Wednesday's match, and then to Nottingham for another league match on Saturday.

Private jet becomes the best, the only, means by which this 6-foot, 4-inch, 196-pound (1.93 meters and 89 kilograms) man on the flying machine can be moved around with anything like the rest and the training his body requires. Yet who clamored for Schmeichel two summers ago, when he was just a part time goalkeeper also working in the advertizing department of a Copenhagen newspaper?

HEN 27, he achieved his life's ambition by transferring for \$1.5 million from Brondby to Man-chester United. He came within a whisker of winning England's league championship, and was heroic in the Danish defeats of the Netherlands and Germany in

As happens to goalkeepers, the feet are quickly back on terra firma. His second English season has begun patchily, his talent perhaps a trifle compromised by complacency or staleness.

Schmeichel seeks to consolidate his change of for-tune; others have barely begun. Brian Laudrup engi-neered his desired move from Bayern Munich to Fiorentina, Kim Christofte, Peter Nielsen and Johnny Molby have all resettled in Germany, where Flemmi Povisen and the two injured men, Henrik Andersen and Bent Christensen, already form a sizeable Danish

John Jensen reaches Riga after probably the most physically punishing game of his life, when Arsenal, his new team, won by the score of 2-0 at Liverpool last

Sunday. Torben Frank has joined Olympique Lyon-nais in France, where John Siveback represents Mona-co. And Lars Olsen, the sweeper, plods away in

Turkey.
Soon, it seems, only Kim Vilfort will be left on Danish soil — and he could go to Cologne at any time if his daughter, Line, recovers from leukemia.

The Danes deserve this hour of reward. They have

believed, certainly since the days of Nils Middleboe, a banker and a defender for Chelsea long ago, that size of population is not important so long as you teach the

Middleboe wrote a book, a bible encouraging skills without regimenting the fun out of soccer. The book is so good, and there are so few copies, that I once foolishly loaned mine to a Canadian soccer federation coach and live with diminishing hopes of ever seeing it

Its secrets spilled out this summer. It embraces, as the manager Richard Moller Nilson's team emphatically did, physical strength, tactical flexibility, above

all a common-sense approach and a collective spirit.

The Danes knocked on the head the absurdity of assuming there are master races in the world's simplest sport. Like boxers drawing arrogant foes onto their

explosive counterpunches, they upset the odds.
Now, through similar but mercifully less bloody
change in eastern Europe, Latvia has a chance, a small
chance, to turn Denmark's surprise full circle. Latvia is just days into its second year of independence. Soccer is not its forte because, like Estonia and Lithnania, its youths favor basketball.

Y ET, HALF a century ago, when it was last autonomous, Latvia dared to whip Sweden, once an occupying power, 4-1, at soccer. It paid with 12-0 and 10-0 defeats once the Swedes put out a more motivated

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But the memory is long. Latvia has no big-name player like Valdas Ivanauskas, who, among other tall Lithuanians, broke into the Soviet squads and helped surprise Northern Ireland by drawing, 2-2, in Belfast

in a World Cup qualifier in April.

Lithuania, indeed, defeated Latvia, 2-1, in Riga two weeks ago. Even so, I suspect, Nielsen will burn the Danish ears warning his players not to underestimate their task in Latvia.

He will remind them, in his scholarly way, of the force new nationalism can inspire. He will try to insist that the extremes of effort, the willingness to run for one another until they drop, is reinstated from the first

moment of World Cup qualifying. However, since the summer, he and his players are richer men. Their dreams have come to pass. Some await their first moment for clubs which were televi-

tion names to them months ago. They might struggle to give 100 percent in Riga, holding back consciously or otherwise for fear of

ruining their big debuts abroad. They might, having supped the summer's rewards, lorget what it took to go for the throat of bigger nations, knowing that no one would blame them if they lost. It is a long shot, Skill for skill, Denmark should prevail. But it was the Danes who put fear into teams expecting victory, and defending a reputation is not

nearly as much fun as chasing one. Rob Highes is on the stuff of the Sunday Times.

BOOKS

BIG MUDDY:

Down the Mississippi Through America's Heartland

By B. C. Hall and C. T. Wood. 290 rages. S23. E. P. Dutton, 375 Hudson devoid of any central, controlling pres-Street, New York, New York 10014. cace. Muddy, if you will

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley be drawn from either — NO DOUBT the idea has crossed the I mind of just about every American who loves rivers, honors the memory of Mark Twain and writes for a living: to climb abourd a raft or some other means of transportation and follow Twein's path down the Mississippi River. In the my-thology of American travel, no journey exerts a stronger pull than this one; more than a century after Twain made it, we still believe that it has a unique power to

tell us about our country and ourselves. The most ootable writer of recent vintage to work his way down Of Man River was not an American but an Ensishman. Jonathan Raban, who poled his way aboard a 15-foot skiff and ended up with a book called "Old Glory," which emoved both critical applause and commercial success. It is nowhere mentioned in the brief bibliography that B. C. Hall and C. T. Wood have appended to "Big Muddy"; perhaps this is be-cause they have no desire to encourage comparisons.

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About all that can be said on behalf of "Big Muddy" is that it is eargest; Hall and Wood love the Mississippi, delight in its history and worry about the pollution that is poisoning it. Otherwise, "Big Muddy" is lifeless and pedestrian, devoid of narrative strength and utterly

In a book such as this, the center can or both - of two sources. One is the river itself, but the problem for anyone writing about the Mississippi is the river's near-universal familiarity: there's nothing left to be said about it, or at least nothing important. So that leaves the personality of the author and the ways in which he responds to the river, its people and its history; the journey down the river becomes one of self-discovery, or whatever the author

wants it to be.

lo "Big Muddy." though, the personality of the author vanishes into a vague, never-defined creature simply called "we." The reader can learn from the dust jacket that Hall teaches English at Ar-kansas Tech University and that Wood is

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rafted the river once as teenagers," they tell us nothing at all about themselves. The result is that there is nothing about them to interest the reader. When

"we" see something, or something hap-pens to "us," the reader has absolutely no sense of the human beings involved. Indeed it is difficult to suppress the susthe actual facts of the journey: Was it really made by both men in one uninterrupted trip, or was it actually made separately, with each coauthor covering certain legs of it? Essentially the question is unimportant; but the book is constructed in such a way as to leave it nagging at the reader, further diminishing such few sures as the book offers.

"If we had a design in mind for our ourney," the authors write, "it was to see what life on the Mississippi is like today and how people are treating the river; we also meant to keep in mind some important aspects of history and see how they have affected the river, and maybe how the river has affected them." The second

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an economist and consultant, but apart half of that sentence doesn't make a lot from a confession early on that "we had of sense, but what it seems to mean is rafted the river once as teenagers," they that the authors wanted to describe the river's past as well as its present; this they do at some length, in unexceptional

passages that merely pad out the book and often only tangenially connect with their observations about the river today. They made their journey not by boat but by car. They began at the top, at Lake and marshes of the delta south of New Orleans. Along the way they stopped at Minneapolite St. Paul, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge and other less familiar spots. Virtually everything they say about these places is predictable; occasionally it is simply wrong, as in their dismissal of Minneapolis as a city with no

personality at all." To give the book its due, it should be acknowledged that "Big Muddy" has an exceptionally beguiling dust jacket illustration, by Robert Logrippo. Don't let it mislead you as to what's inside.

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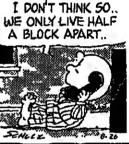
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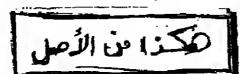


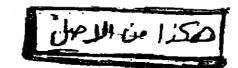












SPORTS BASEBALL

Oriole Star Booed for Failure At Bat (0-for-4) and in Field

Though Cal Ripken had 32.5 million reasons to be happy — one for each dollar of his new contract his 32d birthday was not entirely

The California Angels beat the Orioles, 5-2, Monday night in Bal-

Ripken went 0 for 4, hit into a double play, stranded three runners and booted a grounder that led to an unearned run. He is batting .245 and has not hit a home run in

After he bounced into a double play in the fifth inning, there was a smattering of boos from the fans.
"I don't take it personal," he said. "They pay their money. Booing is just a reaction to some-thing that's not good."

Despite the loss, the Orioles re-mained three games behind firstplace Toronto in the AL East. The Angels' previous trip to Bal-timore, in May, included a calami-tous bus ride from New York in which the manager, Buck Rodgers, and several players were injured in a

crash on the New Jersey Turnpike. Tim Salmon's RBI single off Arthin Samoon's Kist single on Ar-thur Rhodes in the third inning gave the Angels a 1-0 lead. After David Segm's run-scoring fielder's choice tied it in the fourth, California pulled away with three runs in

1.282

Luis Polonia walked, Junior Fehx doubled and Salmon was intentionally walked before Chad Curtis hit a two-run single. After Ripken bobbled a grounder for an error, Gary DiSarcina hit a sacrifice fly.

Salmon, like Ripken, was cele-brating a birthday, his 24th. But unlike Ripken, he did not get a fat contract on his big day. "Maybe I'll get a \$30 check from

Grandma," he quipped. White Sox 8, Blue Jays 4: In Chicago, Lance Johnson, Carlton Fisk and George Bell homered

against struggling Toronto.

Besides losing five of their last six, the Blue Jays have been outscored, 43-17, in that span. The White Sox, meanwhile, have won three straight and are 19-7 in their last 26 games, with a 15-3 mark at

Athletics 9, Red Sox 3: Terry Steinbach's three-run homer, his 11th, ended a five-run third for visiting Oakland and Dave Stewart won his 13th straight game against

Stewart, whose streak includes three victories in the AL playoffs, last lost to the Red Sox on Aug. 19,

ers o, I was 2: Dan G in his first game against the team he helped win World Series titles in. 1987 and 1991, capped a four-run fifth in Minneapolis with a two-run homer for Detroit.

Gladden made two leaping catches at the left-field wall in addition to his getting his sixth home Jerry Brown, the ball and Boston's Jody Reed arrived simultarun. In the eighth, Cecil Fielder

added a long homer, his 28th of the year but first since Aug. 16. Kent Hirbek hit his 14th for Minnesota, which has lost seven of its

last nine.
Yankees 9, Brewers 8: Mike
Stanley's RBI double capped a
four-run comeback in the eighth as

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

New York handed Milwankee its seventh straight road loss. Robin Yount singled to start a three-run seventh that tied it for

Milwaukee, then doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth as the Brewers took an 8-5 lead. Yount now has 2,984 hits in the majors.

Cabs 6, Padres 3: Frank Castillo

homer to can a six-run third in San Diego as Chicago won its fifth

Mets 4, Giants 1: Dwight Gooden, who had been 0-4 in five starts since July 4, pitched seven strong innings and hit a two-run homer as

The game was played in a circus-like atmosphere as George Shinn, a potential buyer of the Giants, wandered around Candlestick Park with an entourage headed by San Francisco's mayor, Frank Jordan. Shinn shook hands with fans who cheered his every move and chanted, "George! George!" throughout the game.

League game in Cincinnati, Barry
Larkin and Bip Roberts each homered and had three hits to help hand Philadelphia its fourth manimously approved Monday, and lawyers said they expected the invester of control to take Larkin had a pair of RBI singles formal transfer of control to take and a bases-empty homer, and place Wednesday, The Associated Roberts doubled twice and hit a Press reported from New York.

Team owners from the American and National leagues confered by recorded his first victory since June telephone and approved the sale in 28 and Derrick May hit a three-run just a few minutes.



Cal Ripken Jr., with the Orioles' general manager, Roland Hemond, at the announcement of his contract on his 32d birthday.

Ripken Signs 5-Year Pact For Record \$30.5 Million

By Mark Maske

Washington Post Service BALTIMORE — The long ordeal finally ended for Cai Ripken and the Baltimore Orioles, as Ripken celebrated his 32d birthday in style by signing a five-year contract extension worth \$30.5 million.

The deal announced Monday represents the largest amount of money ever guaranteed to a player in a major league baseball contract. surpassing Ryne Sandberg's spring training agreement with the Chicago Cubs

In addition to the \$30.5 million over the next five years. Ripken's contract includes a provision that will allow him, after his retirement as a player, to work in the Orioles' front office for four years at an annual salary of \$500,000.

"Either way you look at it." said the team president, Larry Lucchino, "it's a gigantic contract." The agreement was announced in a home-plate ceremony minutes before the game with the California

A 10-time All-Star, he batted 323 in 1991, with 34 home runs and 114 runs driven in, as the American League's most valuable Ripken will receive a signing bo-

nus of \$3 million, broken down into two \$1.5 million installments payable in 1993 and 1994. He will earn \$4.5 million in 1993. \$4.8 million in 1994, \$6 million in 1995 and 1996 and \$6.2 million in 1997, when he will turn 37. In addition, be has an option

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contract following the 1995 season and declare himself a free agent. The guaranteed \$30.5 million ex-

ceeds the \$28 million that the Cubs are obligated to pay Sandberg.
But Sandberg's cootract is, like Ripken's, complicated, and thus direct comparisons become difficult. Sandberg is guaranteed \$28 million over four years, but the Cubs hold a fifth-season option that could make it a five-year, \$31.8 million

The months of off-and-on negotiations between Ripken's representatives and the Orioles ended with Ripken accepting an offer slightly higher than what had been proposed by the team as far back as spriog training.

Lucchioo confirmed that the Orioles made a five-year, \$30 million offer then, after approaching agent Ron Shapiro and beginning negotiations in September 1991.

There was an assumption that we were sitting on our duffs and not getting anything done," Lucchino said. "And that was mistaken."

In Olympics or Baseball, the Real Winner Is Money

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Sometime between going to work for President Richard Nixon and going to prison, Attorney General John M. Mitchell made a statement that all

sleuths, professional and amateur, should have heeded, "Watch what we do, not what we say," Mitchell said, in 1969. He was promising wonderful things, but his advice became prophetic for ganging not only political rhetoric but also the current shenanigans involving the baseball owners and their hired commissioner, Fay Vincent. You can't hide your lying eyes, and you can't hide your center of

gravity, either. This wonderful bit of **Point**



wisdom should also help us understand the colossal selling job we have just been through on the Olympic Games. The television people and the people who run the Games keep talking about them in hushed, reverent tones, as if "Chariots of Fire" were going to happen all over again, but we have to watch what they do,

not what they say.

I feel personally guilty because I came home from Barcelona to see that I had described the U.S. baskethall "Dream Team" as a "noble" experiment. All the cigarette smoke at the Smoke Free Games must have made me dizzy in the head.

It was not a noble experiment. It was a blatant experiment. It was a business decision. The powers who ran the Games brought in the most expensive professionals in the world, and the pros won a gold medal. After being skeptical and idealistic, I came to feel that the experiment had worked, because the other professionals in the Games, from Lithuania and Croatia and Germany and Russia, did not squawk about ringers. These realistic athletes understood the future of the Games better than I did

Let us not be surprised in two years if Wayne Gretzky is airlifted into Norway for a cameo ice hockey performance in prime time, or in four years when Jose Canseco and Roger Clemens are shuttled into Atlanta to gave those dastardly Cubans what's-for in baseball.

Perhaps we can still find heroism and old-fashioned amateurism in odd places, maybe in rowing or wrestling or what-have-you, but the so-called Olympics are dead. We neously at second. The runner got the steal, Oakland the victory. now have the sponsored Summer Games and Winter Games

do, not what they say. By the same token, the baseball owners are trying to release Fay Vincent like some pitcher whose arm went bad. Vincent argues that he has historical precedence and a piece of paper saying the owners can't do that.

He is arguing for the sanctity of the commissionership, and he is fighting for his public reputation. We should be upset for Vincent on a personal basis, if we happen to think he's a decent bloke who got mixed up with a bad crowd. But the owners have already shown what they think of the job of

These are a collection of willful individualists, used to running their own corporations, winning boardroom battles. They have inherited a tradition of an activist commissioner that goes back to Kenesaw Mountain Landis in the wake of the Black Sox scandal of 1919.

The owners coasted on that reputation for decades, Then in 1978 they appointed somebody named Ray Grebey as the head of a Player Relations Committee. His job was to negotiate with the Players Association. Management vs.

Ever since then, the commissioner's job has become more and more vestigial, like a coccyx bone or an appendix. The

should resume after an earthquake, but he does not have enough power to rule that Chicago and St. Louis are farther west than Atlanta and Cincinnati and that therefore the National League divisions ought to be realigned next year.

By TRYING to make that decision, Vincent has infuriated the Tribune Co., which owns the Chicago Cubs and a vast network with humongous scheduling needs in the central time zone. The Tribune Co. used to like Vincent. Now it doesn't. Pure business. And if the Tribune cuts his heart out, nothing personal.

Vincent comes off well in this affair, much like Bowie Kuhn, who oever looked more human than when owners were measuring the distance between his shoulder hlades. Kuhn used to call himself The Old Commish. The owners still talk about baseball as some kind of public trust, the national game, but they really want a public-relations man up front. For serious business, they hire specialists,

Last November, the owners hired Richard Ravitch as president of the Player Relations Committee, and paid him \$750,000 a year, exactly \$100,000 more than the commissioner. We should be surprised when the owners try to release the current Old Commish? Watch what they do, not

Baseball and TV: A Media Firm's Grip

NEW YORK - There is no more pervasive a television entity in baseball than the Chicago Cubs' owner, the Tribune Co., which has filed suit against Commissioner Fay Vincent to block his plan to shift the Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals from the National League's Eastern to Western Division, and reportedly is now seeking his ouster.

Tribune-owned stations are now home to four major eague teams: the Cubs and Chicago White Sox (on WGN, Chicago), the California Angels (on KTLA, Los Angeles) and the Yankees (on WPIX, New York).

By the opening day in 1993, three more teams will join the Tribune family: the Los Angeles Dodgers (KTLA; a reported five-year, \$75 million deal), the Philadelphia Phillies (WPHL) and the expansion Colorado Rockies (KWGN, Denver).

More than 400 regular-season games will be broadcast via Tribune stations next year, more than double ESPN's output and more than 25 times CBS's slate.

The key, as always, is WGN. When Vincent announced his realignment plan, the Tribune company complained that additional West Coast games would cause games to start too late and preempt the lucrative evening newscast.

Superstations like WGN, and, to a greater degree, WTBS. are reviled by Vincent because their national reach on cable stations allegedly cuts viewership of local games on broadcast TV and the stations' abilities to sell advertising.

Whether the Tribune company is seeking to be a baseball potentate, one thing is true: The company has determined that baseball is good business.

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Gorreti, wide receivers; Todd McGwire, cen-jer; Kirk Kirkpotrick, tight end; Willie McClendon, running back; Curtis Massey and Tim Newton, defensive linemen; James Mo-lone and Ken Swilling, linebackers; Sammy Lilly, Marcus Hookins and Herbert James, Carl Crater, defension backs, and Kirms Carl Carter, defensive backs, and Klaus Witmsmeyer, punter-kicker.

ARMY—Named John Batuz men's assis-lant basketball coach and Deldra Reed wom-en's assistant basketball cooch. FORT LEWIS—Named Susan Leonard cross country coach; Scott Zabick soft coach; Jaremy Fishbein soccer coach; and Casey Bradley defensive coordinator. KENTUCKY WESLEYAN—Named Ty Stauffer women's baskefooli cooch. MOLLOY—Named Nancy Delan women's volleyball coach and Nancy Catrell women's MURRAY STATE—Named Brenda Bowlin

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Purses Soar On Women's Tennis Tour

The Associated Press NEW YORK -- Women professionals will play for 25 percent more prize money in 1993, according to the Women's International Professional Tennis Council. A record 67 tournaments will be

staged in 22 countries next year, the council announced Monday. The Kraft Toor is increasing its prize money to \$33 million in 1993, up from \$29 million this year. The tour includes one major tournament a month for 11 months.

The Tier I events, each featuring at least five of the world's top 10 players and offering \$750,000 in prize money, are the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Feb. 1-7; the Family Circle Magazine Cup in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, on March 29-April 4: the Italian Open in Rome, May 3-9; the Lufthansa Cup in Berlin, May 10-16; the Matinee International Canadian Open in Toronto, Aug. 16-22; the European Indoors in Zurich on Oct. 4-10 and the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia, Nov. 8-14.

Among new sites in 1993 are Quebec City; Melbourne; Hiroshima, Japan; Hong Kong: Jakarta, and Montpellier, France; the U.S. Hardcourts will move from San Antonio, Texas, to Stratton Mountain, Vermont, and a tournament in Milan will be shifted to Paris.

SIDELINES

UTenn's Majors Has Heart Surgery

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (AP) - Tennessee football coach Johnny Majors underwent heart bypass surgery Tuesday in a 3½-hour operation called "routine" by the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Majors, 57, underwent angioplasty in May. He had become ill while traveling through Memphis to a collegiate athletic meeting in Texas.

• Bill Dooley of Wake Forest, one of the top football coaches in the Atlantic Coast Conference, said Tuesday he will retire at season's end.

Scottish Super League Hits Snag

GLASGOW (AP) - Officials of the Scottish Football Association refused Tuesday to deal with the "rebel" new Super League, hut two more clubs joined the breakaway body anyway.

Partick Thistle and Dunfermline completed the 10-club lineup of the Scottish Super League, due to kick off in 1994.

• Tottenham striker Gordon Durie — in the first case of its kind in English soccer — was charged with misconduct Tuesday for allegedly faking an injury in an attempt to get Coventry's Andy Pearce sent off

during their Premier League match last Wednesday. NHL Exhibition Games in London

TORONTO (Reuters) - National Hockey League team's will play two games in London's Wembley Arena oext month to open the exhibition season, the league has announced. The two-game Molson Challenge, for \$50,000, will pit the Montreal

Canadiens against the Chicago Blackhawks on Sept. 12-13. It will be the first time NHL clubs have played in Britain since 1959.

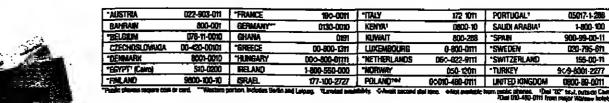
Little League World Series Begins
WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania (AP) — Zamboango City in the
Philippines beat Kaiserslautern, Germany, 14-2, and Santo Domingo in
the Dominican Republic beat Valleyfield, Quebec, 29-0, as the new, round-robin Little League World Series began Monday.

Long Beach, California, beat South Holland, Illinois, 10-6, and, in the

first night game in the history of the competition, Hamilton Square, New Jersey, beat Lake Charles, Louisiana, 5-0. For the Record

Miguel Angel González of Mexico defeated Wilfrido Rocha of Colombia oo a technical knockout in the ninth round Monday night in Mexico City to win the vacant WBC lightweight title.

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Bush's Bashing Party

By Russell Baker EW YORK - Woody Allen and Fergie, the Duchess of York, were lucky. The stories of their messy family lives reached Houston too late for God's angry Republicans who had loosed their terrible swift swords upon foes of

Bushness and Quaylitude. Has there ever been such a joyful public bashing of the irrelevant by adults presumed capable of runring a large, heavily armed instimtion? The bashers will doubtless reply, "Where were you when the Democrat Party was dishing it out in New York?

To which I can only point out that biology is kind. As it prepares the aged to accept death, so it enabies us all to forget with life-re-toring swiftness life's most blatant Liocies, our own as well as poliocians'. Within e week or two all memory of Houston's squalid summonses to fear and hate will vanish in from memory.

Meantime, however, let us recall those, not so lucky as Woody and ergie, whom this convention so ed to hate. They included Hilla-Clinton, Bart Simpson, Murphy Brown, homosexuals and liberals masse, the entire Congress, non-... leo-Christians and the media, cut especially the media elite. Buses also had a bad week. Buses had made the mistake of serving as

vehicles of transport for agents of the Democrat Party. One wanted to sympathize with buses. After all, they are poor peo-ple's last hope for getting out of town without committing car theft. et they had let themselves be used the Democrat Party.

The buses were dupes of Demo-: :: ism just as clearly as addlerent-. ... pinko, ultra-left-liberal fellow unvelers in the old days had been supes of communism. Victory in the war against Clintonhood and Goredom will not he won by soft-

And what was a man to do about ... terrible Democrat-Congress situntion that had caused all the unemployment, bankruptcies, poversavings and loan rip-offs and ha melessness, not to mention leaving 35 millioo people without are sex stories, but pure soap-opera nealth insurance plus creating unwed mothers and too much sex in services and television, despite the soaps. T and fought these catastrophes?

I can tell you what one redblooded American lad wanted to do: He wanted to go right to Washington and mug a Congressman. He might have done so too, but he realized it was not what a true Judeo-Christian would do. So he said, "All right, I'll do the civilized thing and vote against Congressman Frank Wolf.

"Bel the convention doesn't want you to do that," I cautioned. "The convention is down on Democrat congressmen, and Wolf is not a Democrat congressman. He is a Republic congressman."

It was that kind of week. All that hate building up inside e viewer, and no way to let it out. The convention seemed to be suffering the same difficulty on its side of the TV tube. You could sense its pain in the occasional dig at Mario Cuomo.

For years the Republicans had been preparing to run against Cuomo, had drawn up all those plans, gathered all that data, were just rearing for e crack at Mario. And he had spoiled it all, undone all that preparation, had deprived them of the opportunity to point with horror at squalid Times Square, had Cuomo, the rat!

Things and people that escaped Houston unbashed provide brooding material for heavy thinkers. Most notable of course was communism. Now flourishing in China with Bush's indulgent acquiescence, communism became a nonism. Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Hillary, escaped unbashed, as did Willie Horton, rep music and bloody violence in TV and movies.

Why Republicans recoil from sex-as-entertainment but are unruffled by entertainment bloodshed is not logically explicable. Bush, of course, is pals not only with the gun lobby but also with Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose mass cop-killings as The Terminator" made him a star, but the sense

dirty is anchored deep in the national psyche. The Woody and Fergie stories stuff, it would have been interesting to hear Dan Quayle bash the soaps. Too bad the oews arrived

that shows about violence are man-

ly while shows dealing with sex are

New York Times Service

'90s Art Cars: Crazy Dreams on Wheels

By Paul Richard

WASHINGTON — The Art Car muse is ludicrous, devout, inexplicable, hilarious. She sings in many guises. When Albert Guibarra heard her jungle song, he turned his 71 Mustang into a bronze hippo. When Gene Pool heard her whisper, he sprayed his Grand Prix with industrial adhesive, sowed grass seed in the glue, watered it, then waited until his "portable environment" sprouted lawn.

She first hooked Harrod Blank outside of Santa Cruz, California, in 1981. That shambling California kid never knew what hit him. She had murmured one word: 'Chicken.'

Blank did as he was told. He took a bunch of paints and walked out to his car, a white '65 VW bug, and put a rooster on the door.

"What blew me away," he'll tell you, "is that something as simple as a chicken could attract such attention. But after about two weeks, the attention started wearing off. So I put e portrait of Bob Marley on the other door." That was just the start.

In those days Blank suspected that no one else but be had felt the Art Car urge, but be's older now, and wiser, or at least a little wiser, for the Art Car muse does not demand wisdom from her adherents. She prefers perseverance. Blank, 29, and — like his father, Les Blank — e filmmaker by trade, is in service to her still.

She told him, make a movie. So, of course, he did. "Wild Wheels" is its title. It's 64 minutes long. A documentary bymn to 37 Art Cars and the folks who made them, it opened last week.

You see a lot of Harrod Blank in his movie. Its voice-over at first conveys a hint of fake naïveté, but the moment you meet him you know it isn't fake. He's earnest and he's sweet. He says he grew up in e commune, where his closest friends were animals. Blank has started balding, but he still talks like e kid. At nearly 6 feet 5, he seems e bit too tall to bend into his Beetle, but he does so nonetheless.

His Art Car has e name now. He calls it "Oh My God!," as do many passersby

when they see it.

It has an illuminated globe mounted on its hood, and slogans on its fender. It's got a mailbox, e skull, and sunflowers that twirl, a TV set, a flag. It's got 50,000 miles on its fifth engine. It has been encrusted with all sorts of stuff, little twanging doorstop springs, plastic crabs and peaches, in warm accordance with its initial

inspiration — lots of chickens.

What is going oo here? Is this simple highway goofery, noncommercial folk art,



Harrod Blank with his ornamented Volkswagen, one of 37 Art Cars in his film.

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subversion of conformity, or all of the

Is driving an Art Car fun? Um, well, not exactly. Blank says his car has received more than 50 tickets, some for merely being "an attractive nuisance." It has been hit hy vandals too. "A simple trip to the supermarket can be e tremendous ordeal," Blank confesses in his film. Then why go to the bother? "Truth is, I don't know."

Ask a dozen Art Car makers what it is that has gotten into them, and they will give a dozen answers. Some of them will say that they've heard the Lord. One such is Bob Daniels, an Alabama witness whose 73 Chevy is studded everywhere with fau-cets. "Water," he explains. "Yoo gotta be clean to come to God!"

Others like to see themselves as hip postmodern motorists.

Blacksmith Joe Gomez saw his Art Car in a dream - a superb see-through Beetle made of wrought iron, curling metal traceries, tendrils, hammered leaves. Now it's

on the road. Is this some fresh development, some lete-auto-age phenomenon, some all-American attempt to whack the sterile sameness out of sheet-metal convention?

Is the Art Car wholly new? Blank believes it is. He says it "came out of the '60s," but has few deeper precedents. "It's a totally '90s thing."

But then he's still a young guy, and, of course, he's wrong. The Art Car muse is old. She's as ancient as adornment. She instructed the Sumerians to put carvings on their chariots and told Viking shipwrights to add dragons to their longboats. She inspired the engravings that decorate old armor, and the sharks' teeth put on fighter planes during World War II.

Car art isn't new. It's nearly as old as cars. Remember Dall's "Rainy Taxi," an Art Car of the '30s, or the hot rods of the '40s? Remember "chopping and channel-ing." the Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flaked Streamlined Baby, the low riders of Los Angeles?

You cannot hit the road these days without being confronted with a vast and endless bell curve of car art of e sort — Garfields with suction cups, dogs with wagging heads, bumper stickers, decals, vanity license tags. The wendos in Blank's movie may cruise that bell curve's top, but they really aren't that weird.

Hey, everyone's an artist. But while all art may be good, some of it is better. Blank's car is, as Art Cars go, pretty mediocre, but his movie is a treat. Long before it's over, you may feel you have become e connoisseur of Art Cars. Certain stan-dards hold, one of which is this: The more personal and beartfelt the spur of inspiration the finer is the car

Jay Battenfield of Texas made his "Jewel Box" while in mouning. His wife had just been killed in a highway accident when Battenfield received the call — and gined the contents of her jewel box to the hood of his Corvair. Covered now with bracelets, necklaces and rings, hers as well as others donated by his neighbors, Bat-tenfield's car glistens with his grief.

Michael Mikel's "5:04 P. M." is e memorial to a moment. Partly crushed by falling debris during the San Francisco earthquake, it was squashed but still it goes.

Of the artists here encountered, none is more impressive than Mendocino's Larry Fuente. His two-wheeled "Cowasaki" is

the product of e single Groucho Marx-like

pun. Fuente's "Cowasaki" is not an Art Car but an Art Bike. Its decor is horned-

Hereford; it doesn't honk, it moos.

Doing It Their Way

Frank Sinetra will croon for Lee lacocca, a kongrume friend, who is retiring as the head of Chrysler. Sinatra is expected to sing Thursday at a Las Vegas gathering of nearly 10,000 Chrysler dealers and execu-tives. The Detroit News reported Iacocca, 67, is to retire Dec. 31 as Chrysler's chairman after 46 years in the auto industry. "All I know is that I've been told to bring a tuxedo." said Gus Russo, the charman of the Chrysler-Plymouth dealer council. But everybody's been hearing the rumors about Sinatra."

PEOPLE

Sinatra and Iacocca,

Arthur Miller's daughter, Rebec-ca, is directing a production of his play "After the Fall" in Cincinnati. The play, she said, is about Miller's life after his marriage to Marilyn Mouroe ended, Miller, 30, said directing the play had taught her a lot about the relationship of her father and her mother, the photographer inge Morath. "The play was conceived about the same time I was and took shape around my parents' relationship," she said.

Former Governor George C. Wal-lace of Alabama marked his 73d birthday in a hospital, undergoing treatment for chronic pain. Wallace has been hospitalized since Aug. 12 for treatment of muscle spanns be has had since a 1972 assassination. attempt left him paralyzed from the waist down. Doctors haven't said when he will be released.

The Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is about to get some new faces. Come January, Richard Martin will move from the Fashion Institute of Technology, where he has curated some of the most entertaining design retrospectives of the past decade, to the Met, accompanied by Harold Koda, who runs FIT's design laboratory. The other new face belongs to Christy Turington. The su-per-model is having her face cast so her features can be duplicated on all the new mannequins there.

Red Skelton has canceled e per-formance in Minnesota after falling in the bathtub and fracturing e rib. Bob Hope agreed to step in at the Minnesota State Fair, but the fair is also offering refunds to the 6,500 people who bought tickets to

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